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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1532, September 30-October 6, 2010

Thu 1500	WRMI	9955
Thu 1900	WBCQ	7415
Thu 2100	WRMI	9955
Fri 0330	WWRB	3185
Fri 1430	WRMI	9955
Fri 2030	WWCR1	15825
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955
Sat 0800	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9515 [second, fourth, fifth Saturdays, maybe]	
Sat 1400	WRMI	9955 [NEW]
Sat 1600	WWCR2	12160
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955
Sat 1800	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 7290	
Sun 0230	WWCR3	4840
Sun 0630	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955
Tue 1900	WBCQ	7415

Tue 2230 WRMI 9955
Wed 0030 WRMI 9955
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415

Latest edition of this schedule version, including AM, FM, satellite and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:
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WRN ON DEMAND:
<http://193.42.152.193/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS VIA WRN:
<http://www.wrn.org/wrn-listeners/world-of-radio/>
<http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541>

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<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>
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** AFGHANISTAN. Re 10-38: ``Heard last night 2329-2345 UT on 1296 kHz but with QRM from UK station (XL Radio). However programme from VOA was in Special English which makes reception under QRM much easier. VOA is listed on its website on 1296 kHz from 2030 to 0030 UT. But I cannot find a programme schedule on-line (Steve Whitt-UK, Sept 19, MWCircle yg via dxld)``

1296 Kabul
http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=34+32+16.34+N++69+20+19.28+E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.365724,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=34.537672,69.338837&spn=0.011754,0.027874&t=h&z=16

US IBB/BBG VOA ASHNA RADIO
Dari 0130-0230, 1530-1630, 1730-1830, 1930-2030.
Pashto 0030-0130, 1430-1530, 1630-1730, 1830-1930.
VOA English 2030-0030 UT.

US IBB/BBG RFE/RL Radio Free Afghanistan 0230-1430 UT.
Dari 0330-0430, 0530-0630, 0730-0830, 0930-1030, 1130-1230, 1330-1430
Pashto 0230-0330, 0430-0530, 0630-0730, 0830-0930, 1030-1130, 1230-1330 (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. 2863-USB, Sept 23 at 1156, weak VOLMET in American English,

fortunately far enough from COSTA RICA, q.v. 2859.8; several sites alternate each semihour, and per
<http://wiki.radioreference.com/index.php/VOLMET> at H+25-30, and +55-60
it's Anchorage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. Yahoo! DRM North America discussion group, 25 Sept 2010, Whit Hicks, Digital Aurora Radio Technologies, Delta Junction, Alaska, note to Benn Kobb: "We are looking for potential users. The transmitter system is in place and we would like to conduct long term propagation tests, but lack funding to do so. Like the rest of America, we are hoping for better economic times in the near future." (kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

-- Using Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS), with the shortwave signal going almost straight up, the main objective of the Digital Aurora Radio Technologies experimental station WE2XRH is to cover Alaska mainland and maritime areas. It is employing DRM to provide an FM-like signal to areas in Alaska and vicinity beyond the reach of FM stations (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** ALASKA. 7355, USA (ALASKA), KNLS at 1206 with song, ID and at 1208 iHealth & Medicine. Good, Sept 24 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, listening mobile from my car, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7355, heard preacher in English around 1230 Sept 24, presumed KNLS; next check 1251 fair signal going from music to anti-science, anti-thought, Creation Moment; just before it, there was ``running water`` ute QRM. No doubt the faithful concluded that it was God's will for the QRM to stop flowing in time for His C.M. to be in the clear. First time in weeks I have heard KNLS well enough to ID during its only known English hour; conditions have to be just right. Their new website <http://www.knls.org/whats-going-on.html> contains this info headed September:

``Transmitter Challenges --- In June, we told of the problems with one of KNLS's two transmitters. Problems continue, as the malfunctioning transmitter is 25 years old, and the challenge of obtaining replacement parts has been daunting. But we're continuing the effort. The newer transmitter is operating fine, so the KNLS English Hour is currently available one hour a day on 7355 khz on the 41 meter band at 1200 hours UTC. The English broadcast will soon add two more hours on the newer transmitter. By this time next month, the KNLS English Hour should be available three times daily.

KNLS is on the air daily from 800 hours UTC (Universal Coordinated Time [sic], also known as Greenwich Mean Time) to 1800 hours UTC.

KNLS broadcasts in Chinese, Russian, and English. When the old transmitter is repaired, the English Hour will be carried at 800, 1000, 1200, and 1400 UTC. You get times and frequencies of all KNLS broadcasts through this link

<http://www.knls.org/broadcasting-front.html>

These frequencies are in effect until October 31st. Assuming the old transmitter stays down for a while, which appears likely, we'll let you know the new times and frequencies on the newer transmitter.''

However, the ``Current Broadcast Schedule`` as linked above contradicts! It does show only one frequency at a time, but English at some different additional times; can anyone confirm them?

Time	(khz)	Meters	Language
0800-0900	11870	25	Russian
0900-1000	11870	25	Chinese
1000-1100	11870	25	English ***
1100-1200	11870	25	Chinese
1200-1300	7355	41	English
1300-1400	9920	31	Chinese
1400-1500	7355	41	Chinese
1500-1600	9920	31	English ***
1600-1700	11765	25	Russian
1700-1800	11765	25	Russian

Since it's 1530+ as I write this, I pause to check for the new English broadcast at 1500 on 9920. Using the DX-398 on the porch with reel-out antenna plugged into the jack, to get away from computer noise inside, there is a signal, but too weak to be sure it's in English and KNLS.

Then I accidentally touch the radio's whip terminal to a metal railing into the ground and voil , the signal goes up enough to recognize it as English in typical KNLS format. So much for antenna vs ground theory. I'll have to try this on other frequencies and times.

As usual, KNLS is one of the earliest stations to post its next-season schedule,

<http://www.knls.org/broadcasting-front/next-schedule-front.html>

which for B-10 has English at 08, 10, 12 and 14 all on 7355, plus 9655 at 1200; and a new frequency for some others, 7300. 9655 looks problematic, probably colliding with DW/Sri Lanka and Kashgar, so English at 12 might wind up on alternate 9615 instead, but that also collides with CRI. However, colliding with Asian stations is nothing new for KNLS, target only Asia.

Since I heard it yesterday, tried again Sept 25 for KNLS on 7355 during scheduled English hour, but could not detect it around 1250.

Like I said, conditions have to be just right; and/or is it perhaps sporadic, not really on the air every day?

I also wonder about their choice of 11870 for another English broadcast at 10-11, in the middle of the Arctic night across a darkness path to east Asia. That high a frequency certainly not propagating here, and unlikely either to there. In B-10 they have nothing planned above 10 MHz.

[and non]. Further to my previous comment about 11870 being a poor choice for KNLS as on its current temp schedule at 08-12: this collides with WEWN, which is on 11870 from 00 to 10, as reminded Sept 27 at 0628 in Spanish // 7555. WEWN 11870 is usually audible tho poorly in the nightmiddle here.

7355, KNLS again inaudible at a few chex between 12 and 13 UT Sept 27 when scheduled and sometimes heard in English.

As previously reported, and in DXLD 10-38, KNLS website claims in B-10 they will be using 7300 for Chinese at 13-18. However, this frequency is out of bounds, borderline the 40m hamband in the USA! The sideband below 7300 would justifiably set off the intruder-busters. It should have been disallowed at HFCC. Putting up such a schedule was premature, and they should have known that 7300 would not work. More likely will use 9615 or 9655.

7355, an on-day for KNLS, audible Sept 28 at 1252 going from gospel song to Creation Moment; very poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. 7390, Sept 23 at 0628, R. Tirana IS, 0630:16 opening in Albanian. Fair signal at S9+18 with fading, but usual undermodulation. Considering this is non-direxional for Europe, doing well to make it here. Also has some QRM from 7405 DentreCuban Jamming Command, bleedover or spur.

13640, Sept 24 at 2014 I encounter Balkan music, must be R. Tirana, but is it the English external service as scheduled, or default relay of the Albanian domestic service? Quickly resolved at 2015 by announcement in English, Profile of someone born in Shkodor, but modulation too low to follow. S9+20 signal but could turn the volume almost all the way up without blasting my ears on the phones.

13640, Sept 27 at 2016, R. Tirana in English with talk about Albania-Germany culture week coming in late November, and several other topix voiced by Klara, into music fill at 2024; sufficient modulation today but well under 100% (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA [and non]. 11775, tuned into C.B. at 2010 Sept 24 to compare it with the undermodulation from Cuba [q.v.] on 11760, but heard instead applause; or was it? Went on so long, at least a minute, that I was beginning to think it was noise from an open satellite-feed circuit, but it finally stopped, and at 2011 PMS resumed speaking with good normal modulation level eclipsing that from ``Ed Newman``. She must have said something really terrific to set off that much clapping from her psychophants; assuming it was authentic.

As I tuned by 11775, Sept 25 at 1324, dead air. It could have been a dekasecond pregnant pause while Dead Gene Scott was originally puffing on his cigar, inaudibly on the radio, but it went on and on for three minutes until finally he cut back on at 1327, just after I had also tuned to 13845 WWCW and found it equally silent until cutting on at the same time, just an echo apart, so outage was at the uplink; 13845 DGS currently scheduled 12-15 on Sats & Suns, not weekdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [and non]. 15476, LRA36 barely audible with some music at 1350 Sept 23, weaker than Rampisham 15480, and no better later on; but at least confirmed active today.

15476, LRA36, Sept 24 at 1301 very poor with music, just enough to confirm it is on the air this Friday.

15476, LRA36 not off the air this Monday, Sept 27 at 1229, carrier and peaking to audiblize some music, initially stronger than Rampisham 15480. At 1300, 15476 quite a bit inferior to 15480 Belarussian; and at 1444 even more so vs DV Burma via ARMENIA.

15476, LRA36, Sept 28 at 1335 very weak signal but some music audible, about the same level at 15480 Rampisham which sounded stronger with Belarussian talk from Poland (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476.0, LRA36 (presumed), 1406-1419, Sept 28. Non-stop pop and rap songs in Spanish; one of their better days; briefly up to fair; still have not caught an ID here (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, LRA36, Wed Sept 29 at 1310 music and then YL talk, weaker than 15480 Rampisham. 1323, fair with music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dario Gabrielli, Italy, listed three e-mail addresses for LRA36, and asked for corrextions or deletions:

esc38ant @ satlink.com R Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel LRA36, ANT
lra36 @ topmail.com.ar R Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel LRA36, ANT

lra36 @ infovia.com.ar R Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel LRA36, ANT
(from condigllist yg Sept 24 via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 15345.22, 26/9 1910, Radio Nacional Argentina, sport
live, Spanish, very good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX:
Drake R8; Yaesu FRG-7; AOR 7030 - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

ACTUALIDAD DX - Radiodifusion Argentina al Exterior
ACTUALIDAD DX 28 de Septiembre 2010

Tras el fallecimiento de nuestro querido amigo Gabriel Iván Berrera,
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Martes 1250 UT Aprox. por los 11710 kHz

Martes 2250 UT Aprox. por los 6060, 11710 y 15345 kHz

[is RAE EVER on 11710v and 15345v at once? We thought they time-shared
a single transmitter, I say again --- gh]

Viernes (Suplemento) 1250 UT Aprox. por los 11710 kHz

Viernes (Suplemento) 2250 UT Aprox. por los 6060, 11710 y 15345 kHz

RAE en vivo:

<http://www.radionacional.com.ar/vivo/rae.html>

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Cordiales 73 (JosÈ Bueno, Spain, 28 Sept, noticiasdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

** ASCENSION. Stories from the BBC Ascension Island shortwave relay station (now using wind turbines). Posted: 25 Sep 2010

The Economist, 21 Sept 2010, Correspondent's diary: "You can't get BBC television on Ascension. But you can get BBC electricity, and BBC water. The World Service transmitters at English Bay, at the northernmost tip of the island, can suck up megawatts of electricity as they broadcast news and more across Africa (and, for a short while each day, South America). As by far the largest consumer of electricity, it makes practical sense for the corporation's installation to be the island's main generator, too... .

The power for all this came, until recently, from a battery of seven V-12 marine engines, each of which delivers over a megawatt. Every 18 months or so a tanker moors off English Bay and delivers about 6000 tonnes of fuel to the tank farm there through a floating pipeline. This powers many of the island's cars, as well as the generators. But it is an expensive and troublesome undertaking, and recently the BBC invested in a big chunk of fuel-free generating capacity ñ five Enercon E-33 330 kilowatt wind turbines, spinning ceaselessly in the southeast trades, the whole system officially inaugurated just a couple of weeks ago. ...

Here on the volcanic plains, already dotted with antenna arrays of various sorts serving not just the BBC but also a number of military communications systems, not to mention intelligence agencies, they are unquestionably magnificent, poised on their wave-splashed crags. But for all their shiny newness, sublime siting and green credentials, they are not the machines that inspire the most awe on a visit to the station.

Those are the two original Marconi transmitters that can between them suck up a megawatt or more of the power station's output. No one knows how old they are, but they were already in use at the BBC's then-main transmitter at Daventry before being shipped to the island in the mid 1960s. ...

The engineers look at them with pride and affection, as zookeepers might a dinosaur, aware that their day is mostly passed. Four of the original Marconis have already been replaced with modern transmitters from the Croatian company Riz that are far more efficient, and should in the long run prove more reliable, though whether they'll be still

pushing out the megahertz in 50 years remains to be seen. ...

When the BBC was first here it built a village for its staff and their families. Now the operation no longer needs its separate receiver station, from which tapes would be ferried over for retransmission from English Bay, or the part time announcer it used to employ. The programmes come direct to English Bay by satellite downlink; shifts at the transmission centre have gone from nine people to two."

(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Before its Antigua relay was completed in 1976 (it has since been mothballed), the Ascension relay often provided the best World Service signal into the United States. VOA uses the Ascension relay for some of its broadcasts (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

** ASIA [and non]. Re 10-38, AY: A presentation of the GFA radio activities from their Texas headquarters can still be found at <http://www.gfa.org/radio/>

Apparently the program production is done in India, now also including the separate athmeeyayathra.org website. It would need a closer look to determine if they are more independent from Texas now, but I would not think so (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since the AY website does not link back to Texas at all, it appears they are trying to hide the fact that Americans are behind it (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. BBCWS relay on 1152 kHz: see U K [non]

** AUSTRALIA. UPDATED EXPANDED BAND LIST

This has been put together from the observations from the members of the ARDXC inc. This list will contain errors (no doubt), but every attempt has been made of the ACMA database and the internet means. These are the stations that are known to be operating, as of September 27th 2010. I hope to be able to update the list thru the amendments from members around Australia.

I particularly thank: Ian Stanley, Al Kirton, Graham Dawe, Eric Croker, Roger Boyd, Jack Wachterhauser, Martin Greer, John Smith Paul Thwaites and the Sydney members of the club.

1611, "Traffic 1611". Western Sydney. 2?? 400w. This replaces the Goanna Country Western music network reportedly heard on 1611, 1620, 1629, 1638, 1647, 1701. Website was <http://www.thegoanna.com.au> Traffic 1611 address as 5 Macquarie St, Parramatta 2124 NSW. This was

the same address for 2NTC. It appears The Traffic 1611, now replaces The Goanna, and the Goanna had taken over the 2NTC facilities.

1611, Radio Goanna, Grafton. // as above details. Not reported of late

1611, Radio Goanna, Tamworth // as above details. Not reported of late

1611, Hot country, Goodiwindi. Network is hot country as IDís. Contact is giddyup @ hotcountry.com.au or 1300 305 918 phone.

1611, 2??, Gold AM 1611, Wee Waa, NSW. 50 watts? Takes syndicated shows e.g. 2GB Rugby League. Address 94 Balonne St, Narrabri 2390 NSW. Not heard since May 2009.

1611, 7RF, Launceston. Tasmania (new station) 400w, Launceston Italian programming.

1611, 2RF, Rete Italia, Griffith NSW, 2RG. 400w. Italian programming.

1611, 6 Gold MX. 400 watts Albany WA. PO Box 1994, Albany WA 6331.

1611, 3UCB, IDís as Radio Vision Network". Hoppers Crossing Vic. Address is Radio Vision Network, Locked Bag 3, Springwood QLD 4127.

1611, 6UCB (IDís as Radio Vision Network), Margaret river WA. Same address as above.

1611, 8RF, Rete Italia. Darwin NT (reportedly on air according to website, not confirmed yet). 400 W.

1611, 4KZ, Karumba Qld., 300 W, same address as for 4KZ.

1611, 6GS, Wagin WA. Also // 1422. 400 W. Address is Great Southern Broadcasters, PO Box 280, Wagin 6315 WA.

1611, 6RF, Rete Italia, Esperance WA.

1611, Croydon QLD (500 km west of Innisfail QLD). 50 watts of power!!! Relays 4KIK country programme. Address is C/o Al Kirton, same address as 4KZ.

1620, 4KZ, Taylors Beach Qld. 500 W. Taylors Beach, Ingham Qld. Address c/o Al Kirton at 4KZ.

1620, 1RF, Rete Italia, Italian programming. Canberra ACT.

1620, 3YGO, Bayswater Vic, 400 W now relays Chinese, also // 87.6 & 88FM.

1620, 4RF, Rete Italia programming. Caloundra location QLD? 400 watts, likely Italian programming.

1620, 6??, Perth WA, unID Chinese language station also relays China Radio Intl in English. (new listing). Needs more research.

1620, 2KM??, Arabic language station. Leased from Radio 2KY Broadcasters, GPO Box 4168, Sydney 2001 NSW, 400 W

1620, 2??, Radio Goanna, Hobart, Tasmania, Country Western music. See 1611 for address; // 1620 // 1629 // 1638 //. Not reported of late.

1629, 2HRN, Hospital Radio Network, Newcastle NSW. 100 W. Oldies programming. 70 Dawson St, Cooks Hill, 2300 NSW.

1629, The Goanna, Bathurst NSW. Relay // 1611 // 1620 // 1638. See 1611 for address. Not reported of late.

1629, The Goanna, Dubbo NSW. Relay // 1611 // 1620 // 1638. See 1611 for address. Not reported of late.

1629, 6RF, Rete Italia, Perth WA. Italian programming, 400 W.

1629, 6ABN, Busselton WA. Relays 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network [Seventh Day Adventist --- gh]), 400 W via Optus D2 satellite.

1629, 3CW, Williamstown relay of 1341, 3CW Geelong (Leopold), Chinese programming.

1629, 3RF, Rete Italia, Shepparton Vic. Italian programming, presumed 400 W.

1629, 5RF, Adelaide SA, 400 W Italian programming.

1629, 4RF, Brisbane QLD, 400 W, Italian programming.

1638, Radio Goanna, Hobart Tasmania. See // 1611 // 1620 // 1629. See 1611 for address. Not reported of late.

1638, Radio Goanna, Armidale NSW. See // 1611 // 1620 // 1629. Not reported of late.

1638, Radio 2ME, Sydney NSW. Arabic station address is 5 Macquarie St, Parramatta 2150 NSW.

1638, 3ME, Melbourne Vic. Arabic. Station address is same as above, Parramatta NSW.

1647, Radio Vision Network (UCB), Mackay QLD. See 1611 for address.

1656, The Voice of the Australian Chinese. Sunnybank QLD. 400 W, Chinese language. Address is The Voice of the Australian Chinese, 46-48 Pacific centre, 233 Callam road, Sunnybank QLD 4109.

1656, 2??, The Axe. 50 watts, Broken Hill NSW. 622 Beryl St, Broken Hill 2880 NSW. Carries // Hype FM programming.

1665, 2MM, Mars Media. Greek language station. Address is Locked bag 888, St Peters 2044 NSW. 400 W.

1683, Radio Club AM. (New relocation of station), 400 W. Revesby NSW. address 4/9 Mavis St, Revesby NSW 2212.

1692, Vision Radio Network, Nanngo QLD. ID [sic] operates thru UCB, see 1611 for address.

1701, 3VMV, 400 W, Somerton Vic (new station) on air since Sept 08 with all Arabic programmes. (Address is Union road & King St, Somerton 3063 Vic).

1701, 2??, Arabic station in Sydney Heard 20/7, good level and again 21/7. English ID as "you are listening to 1701 kilohertz to God's word, the voice of charity, the voice of God's word."

1701, Radio Tirana? [sic], Brisbane QLD. 400 W, Hindi language station. Address is 5 Cheviot Pl, Sinnamon Park 4073 QLD (John Wright, Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, Radio Symban, 0931-0945, 25-September-2010, in Greek. Typical Greek music and talk. Signal: Fair (checked back at 1030, now good level) (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Australia off the air --- From past 1000 UT when I got up this morning (Sunday [Sept 26]) until well past 1100 no Radio Australia frequencies were heard here - just noise. Radio New Zealand was its usual very good on 6170 and was suprisingly good when it switched to 9655 at 1100 so propagation can't be the issue. Perhaps there was a power failure at Shepparton? By the time I re-checked them at 1155 they were back to their usual strong self (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Radio Australia Shepparton off air on 20 October

Radio Australia's website carries the following announcement:

On Wednesday 20 October from 0800 AEST [2100 UTC on 19 October] our Shepparton transmitter[s] will be shut down for maintenance, affecting the following services:

Indonesian

This service will not be available on 15415 kHz. You may still receive us on 5935, 11550, 15225 and 15335 kHz during this period.

English to the Pacific

This service will not be available on 13690, 15230, 15240, 17750, 17795 or 21725 kHz but you may be able to receive English in PNG on 9660 kHz and in the south-west Pacific on 12080 kHz.

Please note that you local FM stations, web streams and satellite services will be available as usual during this period.

(Source: Radio Australia)(September 28th, 2010 - 10:45 UTC
by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

But for how long? They plan it far ahead but give no hint of when transmissions will resume (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

3 Comments on iRadio Australia Shepparton off air on 20 October

1. #1 Glenn Hauser on Sep 29th, 2010 at 03:27

But for how long? They plan it far ahead but give no hint of when transmissions will resume.

2. #2 Andy Sennitt on Sep 29th, 2010 at 08:46

I take it to mean all day on 20 October. I assume it's antenna maintenance.

3. #3 Joe Hanlon on Sep 29th, 2010 at 10:36

I see the Indonesian frequencies are mentioned - will temporary relays be used and from what sites? (Media Network blog comments via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 15400, HCJB, Kununurra. DX Party Line starting at 1313 on 4/9 [Sat] and featuring Christian Shortwave update as report from Sweden (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

15340, Sept 29 at 1332 South Asian music, except it's tainted with Christian tinges, slow vocalizing, presumably hymn in Hindi (hymndi?), as shortly into such talk. Fair signal from HCJB as sometimes happens by longpath, but nasty het from weaker Morocco 15341 shortpath (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOLUNTEERS HELP RAISE HIGH-GAIN ANTENNA AT AUSTRALIA SITE

Source: HCJB Global (written by Ralph Kurtenbach)

A curtain rises in the outback of Australia, bringing to radio listeners across many nations an invitation to hear a message of one God, one Savior and one gospel—the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The curtain antennas used by shortwave radio broadcasters such as HCJB Global-Australia are less common than antennas that local broadcast outlets use to reach listeners or viewers.

Howard Jones, a volunteer at the mission's transmitter site, detailed the process in July of raising a curtain antenna between two 313-foot tall towers erected two years earlier at Kununurra, Western Australia.

In a recent newsletter he described how a team of volunteers followed the directives of HCJB Global engineer Steve Sutherland in assembling the front and rear elements of the antenna.

The front of the antenna consists of 16 dipoles* which transmit the signal,† Jones said. †The back reflecting screen, consisting of 83 horizontal wires suspended by nine vertical wires, acts like a mirror and reflects the transmitted signal forward.†

†Forward,† as Jones put it, means that Christian programming will be beamed to the Indian subcontinent and farther east, all the way to Japan. HCJB Global-Australia has been building an audience by adding language services since the station first began airing programs in 2003.

Five years later, in 2008, Sutherland and a volunteer staff began constructing the infrastructure (footings, guy wire anchors, etc.) for erecting high-gain antennas which carry a more concentrated signal.

After assembling the antenna's front and rear elements on the ground, the volunteers watched as a two-tractor-powered pulley arrangement hoisted the antenna up into place a section at a time.

HCJB Global-Australia Director Dale Stagg said afterwards that †words can barely describe the overwhelming sensation you get when standing underneath this structure which, when completed, will enable us to transmit a far stronger and more consistent signal than we do now.†

The site has two HC100 shortwave transmitters built by staff at the mission's HCJB Global Technology Center in Indiana with two more similar units on the way. Also on the way is one of the crew's big challenges: seasonal rains that soften the ground of the antenna fields. The rains usually come each December and January.

Programs go out in 21 languages, airing a total of 105 hours per week. Languages include English, Mandarin, Japanese, Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Chhattisgarhi, Indonesian (Bahasa), Kuruk, Bhojpuri, Tamil, Marathi, Marwari, Telegu, Gujarati, Malayalam, Malay (Bahasa), Rawang, Min Nan Chinese (Fujian), Eastern Panjabi and Hmar. The antenna arrays on the new site will increase the reach of these broadcasts.

*A dipole is an antenna approximately one-half wavelength long, split at its electrical center for connection to a transmission line, its radiation pattern having a maximum at right angles to the antenna (HCJB Global News Update for Week of Sept. 20-24, 2010, Sept 25, via DXLD) Another version:

A REAL CURTAIN RAISER by Howard Jones

July heralded the installation of the long anticipated TCI Curtain Antenna between the two 96m tall towers erected in 2008.

A great team of volunteers had arrived on site by plane, car and caravans from all over Australia to be part of the exciting task ahead. One young man even joined us from California! Under the direction of Stephen Sutherland, two groups were formed to assemble the front and rear elements of the antenna on the ground. When completed the antenna was raised a section at a time. It was exciting for the whole team to watch the antenna being pulled up in ideal weather conditions by two tractors.

The towers, between which the antenna is suspended, are 117m apart and the antenna's front and back elements hang from two cables 8m apart. These cables are anchored at the base of each tower by concrete blocks weighing a total of 8 tonnes.

The front of the antenna consists of 16 Dipoles which transmit the signal. The back Reflecting Screen, which consists of 83 horizontal wires suspended by 9 vertical wires, acts like a mirror and reflects the transmitted signal forward.

A Slewing Switch enables the transmitted signal to be sent out in five different directions without turning the antenna, thus allowing the antenna to beam its signal in an arc from India all the way across to Japan.

As a Team we gave thanks to God for the completion of the antenna and the provision and safety of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to achieve a great result.

SHORTWAVE EXPANSION TAKING SHAPE, by Dale, CEO

HCJB Australia's new Broadcast Facility continues to progress. The front page of this newsletter features an article about our newly erected TCI 611 antenna, affectionately known as 'the Croatian antenna'.

I had the privilege of visiting our broadcast site at Kununurra in July and to watch the team complete the erection of this incredible piece of engineering. I have to say it is one of the highlights of my visit! Words can barely describe the overwhelming sensation you get when standing underneath this amazing structure which, when completed, will enable us to transmit a far stronger and more consistent signal than we do now.

It is called a 'high gain antenna' which means it will have a more concentrated signal. Can you imagine standing under an intricately woven 80 metre tall by 98 metre wide spider web (without the spiders!)? It has the versatility (via a slewing mechanism) to cover the whole continent of India right across to Japan. Incredible!

Update of Native Title negotiations

As you know, we are waiting on the granting of permission for easements that will enable us to proceed with the High Tension Power Line to our new transmitter building.

Recently our Kununurra Site Manager, Peter Michalke, met with the traditional owners of the land and their legal representative to discuss this issue. These ladies later visited our site at Kununurra and spent time looking at our property and asking questions. The meeting went very well and they were pleased to share time with us. In the traditions of Aboriginal culture, we expect the ladies to discuss this more widely in their community before passing a decision to the MG Corporation.

This was a major step forward. Please give thanks that the meeting took place and pray for God's enabling for smooth passage through to the legal stages. Please continue to pray that this issue will be resolved quickly and favourably.

HC100 ñ Delivery in sight

As many of you would know, we are also in the process of refurbishing an additional HC100 transmitter, which is currently at our Technology Centre in Elkhart, USA. We were excited to receive just this week photographs of some of its components undergoing some TLC. Word from our US colleagues indicates we will hopefully see this transmitter begin its journey to us in March 2011. We are very thankful for our

team in Elkhart that is overseeing the work on our new transmitter. Your support has enabled us to supply the funds necessary do this (Voice and Hands Australia [HCJB newsletter], Sept, via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. 17610, a good source of exotic HOA music, Sept 23 at 1450, and a good signal altho weaker than adjacent BSKSA 17615. This is the Afar hour, of all things, from AWR, 300 kW, 145 degrees via Moosbrunn, so we are close to directly off the back, 325 degrees. It's hard to imagine the lyrics in this traditional music form are Christian, but surely they must be, as the SDA invade yet another culture with a well-established religion of its own (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. 6155 / 17620 Sondersendung AMRS Moosbrunn

Das oesterreichische Bundesheer stellt seit seiner Neuaufstellung Kontingente zu Friedensmissionen ab. Die nichtmilitaerische Verbindung zwischen der Truppe und der Heimat wird im Amateurfunk durch den "Heimatfunk" hergestellt.

Dem OeVSV gehoert neben dem neun Landesverbaenden (der neun oesterr. Bundeslaender) die AMRS an, die Austrian Military Radio Society, in der die lizenzierten aktiven und ehemaligen Angehoerigen des Bundesheers vereint sind.

Die AMRS produziert anlaesslich des 40. Jahrestags ihres Bestehens eine Jubilaeumssendung, die vier Mal mit 100 kW ueber Moosbrunn ausgestrahlt wird:

7.11.2010 1000-1030 UT 6155 kHz Europa
7.11.2010 1600-1630 UT 17620 kHz Nordamerika Ost

Wiederholung am 14.11.2010 mit den gleichen Parametern.

Bestaetigungsverkehr nach jeder Sendung (Europa auf 7120+-, Amerika auf 14210 +- kHz). QSLs ueber <oe4rgc @ amrs.at>
Weitere Details siehe <<http://www.amrs.at>>

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Military Radio Society, A-DX Sept 16 via BC-DX Sept 25 via DXLD)

Special transmission of Austrian Army Forces [Austrian Military Radio

Society] with 100 kW via Moosbrunn Austria shortwave site.

7 Nov. 2010 at 1000-1030 UTC 6155 kHz Europe

7 Nov. 2010 at 1600-1630 UTC 17620 kHz NorthAmerica East

Repeat on 14 Nov. 2010, same parameters.

QSL in Europe on 7120+-, Americas on 14210 +- kHz.

QSLs via <oe4rgc @ amrs.at> (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

** BAHAMAS. According to a newscast on ZNS Radio, 1540 should be back in full operation in a few days, but 104.5 will not return.

Additional detail on ZNS changes, from the main national news program at 6:30 pm: Eighty 80 ZNS staffers in Nassau and Grand Bahama will lose their jobs as part of a restructuring. ZNS' chairman says workers will learn of their fate in face-to-face meetings with management. The transmitter on 1540 should be back on the air within the next few days, but "104.5 as we knew it is gone." The FM frequency, which began simulcasting ZNS early this month, will continue to do do. "There is no point turning back," a ZNS official said (Mike Cooper, GA, Sep 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At last they quit waffling about the fate of 104.5. The transmitter will stay on the air // 1540, NOT go off the air. Merely its former separate identity as Power 104.5 FM is kaput (gh, DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, Radio Bahrain, 0035-0135, Sept 26, reduced carrier USB. Presumed with local Middle-Eastern style pop music. Weak but readable. Very poor after 0100 due to adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BANGLADESH. BANGLADESH BETAR SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH NHK

Dhaka, Sept 27 - Bangladesh Betar entered into a broadcasting agreement with NHK (the Japan Broadcasting Corporation) at Bangladesh Betar headquarters in the city recently.

Director General of Bangladesh Betar AKM Shamim Chowdhury and NHK director general Makato Harada signed the agreement on behalf of respective sides, a press release said on Monday.

As per the agreement, NHK will provide technical support to Bangladesh Betar to broadcast programs through the FM band from its regional centers in Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Comilla.

Bangladesh Betar will be able to earn \$71,175 per year in this regard, the press release said. NHK will also provide training facilities to

Bangladesh Betar officials with a view to improving the quality of program. Bangladesh and Japan will jointly produce radio programs according to the agreement (via Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, INDIA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But no improvement to its short wave transmissions, it seems! Their 7250 is of course impossible in Europe due to Vatican's long-time use of that frequency! 73, (Erik in Copenhagen K^{ie}, Denmark, ibid.)

7250 kHz is never audible here also since CRI has occupied that channel.

Bangladesh Betar officials are also confident that with existing transmitter and antenna set up, they can not cover the target areas. Out of 2 transmitters, one has already been scrapped. The other one is still running with 70-80 kW power. Procurement action for a new transmitter is going on with evaluation of technical bid upon their last global tender. Expected to place the order and open the LC sometime by Jan/Feb 2011 and commission by June/July 2011. A better result is expected by that time. Thanks, (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, INDIA, Sept 29, ibid.)

** BELARUS. NEW 6010, 2255-2315 23.09, Belaruskaje Radyjo 1, Brest, Belarusian talk and music, 2305 ID, pop music and talk, 44444, late broadcast heard // 6040, 6070, 6190 and 7235 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire pulled up in the trees in my garden at 9 metres altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Re 10-38: Hi Glenn. To clarify, my log of Radio San Miguel was 15 September, not the 10th. Not sure how both dates got listed but I have had problems getting my word processor and email to cooperate. Sorry for the confusion (David Sharp, NSW Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.8, RADIO ECO. Reyes, 0048-0110 Sept. 25. Programa: Construyendo. "...Radio ECO... 4410 kHz, banda internacional de 65 metros..." (Rafael Rodriguez R., Bogot^o D.C., COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i e Hilo de 15 metros, visite: <http://dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com/> via Yimber Gavir^{ia}, Sept 27, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4700, R. San Miguel, Riberalta, 2224-2244, 24 Sep'10, Castilian, news, reports, interviews, all on regional, local and natl. topics; 34343.

4716.7, R. Yatun Ayllu Yura, Yura, 2225-2238, 24 Sep'10, Quechua, Indian songs, some talks; 25332.

4796, R. Lipez [sic], Uyuni, 2235-2245, 24 Sep'10, Castilian, announcements, talks; 25331. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4796, R. Lipez [sic], Uyuni. September, 25 0905-0915 local music selections, many female canned IDs istay escutchoando R. Lipez. 34333, 73's (L'cio Ot'vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Tem estado no ar, mesmo com inconstância, as ondas tropicais de 120 metros, frequência de 2380 kHz da Educadora de Limeira sp. SÔ entre o anoitecer e o amanhecer É que pode ser sintonizada, pois as ondas tropicais propagam-se com facilidade nesse período. 73 (LUIZ CHAINE NETO, LIMEIRA SP, 28-9-2010 terÁa, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Amigos, Segue abaixo algumas emissoras brasileiras que foram monitoradas recentemente em ondas tropicais.

Primeiro temos a listas de emissoras monitoradas por mim, aqui em Registro, com escutas das IDs e/ou programas, o.

Em seguida algumas frequências em que h· portadora, indicando que h· uma emissora, mas n,,o consigo ouvir o áudio, ou n,,o consegui identificar como brasileira.

Por ultimo temos algumas frequências que forma monitoradas no exterior e postadas aqui na lista nos ultimos dias.

Se alguém puder ajudar a melhorar a lista com informações mais precisas, fiaue a vontade. Ser· de grande valia para que se interessa por OT e deseja saber quais emissoras ainda restam no dial.

Monitoradas:

2380 R. Educadora de Limeira, Limeira/SP ****(esporadicamente)****
3325 R. Mundial, Guarulhos/SP
3365 R. Cultura de Araraquara, Araraquara/SP ****(esporadicamente)****
4755 R. Imaculada ConceiÁ,,o, Campo Grande/MS
4814 R. Difusora de Londrina, Londrina/PR
4825 R. CanÁ,,o Nova, Cachoeira Paulista/SP
4864 R. R. Alvorada, Londrina/PR
4885 R. Maria, An·polis/GO
4915 R. Daqui, Goiania/GO
4935 R. Capixaba, Vitória/ES
4975 R. Mundial/Iguatemi, Osasco/SP
4985 R. Brasil Central, Goiania/GO
5035 R. Aparecida, Aparecida do Norte/SP

Portadoras:

4765- R. EducaÁ,,o Rural ???, Santarem/PA

4775- R. Congonhas ???, Congonhas/MG

4895- R. Novo Tempo ???, Campo Grande/MS

Monitoradas no exterior:

3375.33 R. Municipal, S,,o Gabriel da Cachoeira/AM, (2320, 21/09)

[Wilkner]

4805, R. Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus/AM, (0950 17/09) [Wilkner]

4885, R. Clube do Par·/Radio Maria ???, definitely two stations here at 0950 18/09. R. Clube do Par· had talk by male, while E-Z music was played on the other. 4885.02, talk by male in Portuguese at 0956 mentioning "Grande". [Dave Valko]

5040 R. Cultura do Par·, 0534 20/09 [Glenn Hauser] [see below]

Receptores Icom IC R-75, Kenwood R-5000, Antenas Long Wire 25 metros, T2FD (Marcio Martins Pontes, Registro - SP, Membro DXCB, Sept 28, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

! I did NOT report R. Cultura do Par· on 5040, but the usual 5045. I mentioned 5040 as QRM from Cuba (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 5044.981, Radio Nacional da Amazonia on 5045? I'm hearing Radio Nacional da Amazonia program on 5044.981 kHz, \\ 11780 kHz with a full ID at TOH. I thought this frequency was Radio Cultura do Par·, but that's not what I'm hearing (Ralph Brandi-NJ-USA, DXplorer Sept 25 via BCDX via DXLD) Time???

5044.981, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, 9/25, 0240. Excitable announcer talking in Portuguese, lots of mentions of Nacional, full ID as "R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia" at TOH and into news, then program "Madrugada Nacional"; didn't this used to be R·dio Cultura do Par·? (see next item) // 11780.

5044.986, R·dio Cultura Ondas Tropicais, 9/26, 0403. MPB, ID at 0500 as R·dio Cultura, program Madrugada Cultura; must have been airing a province-wide program when I heard them yesterday (Ralph Brandi, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

I don't think ``ondas tropicais`` is part of their name or ID, any more than it is of Manaus 4845, just specifying the band (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4985, R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia GO, 2114-2128, 24 Sep'10, advertisements, sports program where some breaks for short political propaganda campaign were included (the elections for a new president are to be held on Sun., 3rd Oct.); 44343, adjacent utility QRM; \\ 11815, QRM de ARS on 11820. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6070, R Capital (tentative), Rio de Janeiro. Sept 29 was an excellent evening for reception from Brazil. Checking on Canada about 0245, heard what sounded like Portuguese; checked again at 0332 to hear preacher; seemed like David Miranda with his IPDA programming; poor. While Canada has no audio here, it's a good time to check for this (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6185, RNA missing UT Sunday Sept 26 at 0625 allowing XEPPM to come thru clearly; great! See MEXICO. Reports from Brasil say RNA has been completely absent from 6185 lately. Brasília was, however, inbooming on 11780 when checked at 0626 with promo about how it could be heard all over the world --- on internet. Clear on the main FRG-7 rx with longwire, but inside the YB-400 with shortwire, second harmonic of Brother Scare 5890 WWCR overload was breaking thru, also causing a SAH on 11780.

[and non]. 6185, altho RNA is not heard all the time, it was on Sept 26 at 2226 since music was // 11780, but on 6185 making a fast SAH of about 10 Hz with something, seems only carrier. XEPPM on early? Or VOA Burmese from Thailand also starts at 2300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6185, R. Nacional da Amazônia, Parque do Rodeador DF, 2104-2123, 26 Sep'10, f/comments; 54433, QRM de CRI in Arabic via some Euro-relay; \\ 11780 good though a bit fluttery. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. In Canada, it is not the CRTC that issues call signs, it is Industry Canada. The list of available callsigns is available at their website:

<<http://spectrum.ic.gc.ca/engineering/engdoc/regavail.pdf>>

Only four letter callsigns have been issued for many years. The CBC has of course used three letter callsigns of the form CBx starting in 1937 when CBL and CBF went on the air, eventually using them for nearly all of their major stations.

Excluding the Xxx and 9xx calls assigned to experimental stations up to the dawn of broadcasting (a few of these stations became broadcasting stations with regular four letter calls) and the CBC stations noted above, very few Canadian stations have ever had three letter calls. In the 1920's the government of Manitoba built CKY Winnipeg and CKX Brandon. In 1948 CKY was transferred to the CBC, becoming CBW, and CKX was sold to become a commercial station. Some years ago CKX moved to FM. Another commercial station in Winnipeg

which started in the early 1950's somehow was able to get the CKY call and operated on 580 until they moved to FM a few years ago.

The only other Canadian station with a three letter call was CKO Montreal, which operated from the late 1970's until it went silent in 1989. There was also a string of CKO-FM-x stations on FM in the major Canadian cities at the same time, all operating as the CKO network (all news). (Deane McIntyre VE6BP0, Calgary, Sept 28, NRC-AM via DXLD)

The exceptions, if memory serves, were/are CKX and CKY in Manitoba and the now-defunct CKO network.

It should be noted that the CRTC never assigned three-letter calls, because the CRTC doesn't assign calls. That (along with all technical aspects of broadcasting) is the purview of Industry Canada, a separate agency.

I'm not sure what strings CKO pulled to get that callsign granted circa 1977. S (Scott Fybush, IRCA or NRC-AM via DXLD)

There have only ever been two private 3-letter calls in Canada: CKX and CKY. Arguably both still exist but on FM. Both were issued well before WW2.

The newest 3-letter calls in Canada appear to have been assigned on October 1st, 1964. CBD (Saint John, New Brunswick) and CBR (Calgary) both signed on that day. There was a previous CBR in Vancouver but I would argue that was an unrelated station, which appears to have changed calls to CBU when they moved from 1130 to 690. CBZ (Fredericton, New Brunswick) is only slightly older than CBD and CBR; it signed on on March 4, 1964.

Best I can tell a total of 23 three-letter calls were held by the CBC at one point. The three that never existed were CBB, CBP, and CBS. Also, CBC was only issued on FM (Charlottetown, PEI). Today, eleven still exist, although two of the eleven have permits to move to FM. (I'm now hearing a rumor to the effect one of them will not close their AM transmitter) ñ (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, *ibid.*)

Bit of an aside, but don't forget the Canadian equivalent to WWV -- CHU (Saul Chernos, Ont., *ibid.*)

** CANADA [and non]. 1130 - interference reported by CKWX

This on CKWX-1130 BC website today:

<http://www.news1130.com/news/local/article/108167--spanish-music-bleeding-into->

news1130-s-radiowaves

Spanish music bleeding into News1130's radiowaves Please call our newsroom if you're experiencing problems

Dave White Sep 29, 2010 09:13:33 AM

VANCOUVER (NEWS1130) - If you're in the Fraser Valley or eastern suburbs, you're likely hearing Spanish music bleeding through our station.

That's because a Mexican station broadcasting near Portland, Oregon is using a 50,000 kilowatt [sic] signal and it's drowning us out.

Please call our newsroom if you're experiencing the problem. It helps us put pressure on the folks who deal with regulations. The phone number is 604-873-6397 (via Eric FlodEn, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Wow, with this power I should be getting them on my bed springs:
"a Mexican station broadcasting near Portland, Oregon is using a 50,000 kilowatt signal"

Interesting because they are barely audible here. Also, are they actually on the 50 kW already? (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, *ibid.*)

KTRP Mount Angel OR, U4, 25000 day, 490 watts nite, silent as of April 2010, but with an application for 50000/490 (NRC AM Log via DXLD)

Apparently then their tests were not 25 KW, as their tests were not nearly as strong. Comparing KFIR-720-10 KW signal, 1130 is at least double or better. Easily heard on the car radio (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via DXLD)

I wonder what time and day? Spanish music was noticed on 1130 in the Fraser Valley and was it called in by a listener or was CKWX doing their own reception test? If it was last night then I wasn't tuning in but I didn't notice any Spanish under or over Vancouver on Monday night when I happened to be catching some news on News 1130. Does Mt. Angel power down at night or are they power steady? (Bill in BC Kral, *ibid.*)

A check of the FCC database real quickly tells anyone who looks that 1130 is 25 KW day and 400 some odd watts at night (Paul B Walker, Jr., IL, *ibid.*)

I should have checked Northwest Broadcasters Recent News first as they confirm that listeners east of Vancouver called CKWX to report interference. Details are now at the top of the list in the Recent

News link of the Northwest Broadcasters website (Bill in BC Kral, 29 Sep, IRCA via DXLD)

I do not know how to figure out effective radiated power but I could see where 25 kW, directly NE of the station, would sound like 50 kW, or better.

http://www.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/1355584-110432.pdf

I also do see that the FCC database has the 50 kW as an "application." Might they have received a CP and the database has yet to be updated? AND if they do somehow have a CP, they could test, right? 73, (Dave in Indy Hascall, *ibid.*)

They are only licensed for 25,000 Watts. They DO have an APPLICATION for 50 kW with no apparent pattern change for the proposed application (Paul B Walker, Jr, IL, *ibid.*)

You are correct - effective radiated power works out to 81.6 kW at an azimuth of 45 degrees (and 51.2 kW straight north) 73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BP0, *ibid.*)

But whether they're actually powering down is another issue (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA (360' ASL), *ibid.*)

No, they haven't gotten the CP; the FCC's own database with regards to APPS/CPs is very accurate. So they are still waiting for that to be granted. Do we have evidence to suggest they aren't powering down? (Paul B Walker, *ibid.*)

Thanks Deanne. Inquiring minds want to know (maybe just me, hi), how can you figure ERP from power (25 Kw) and the numbers from the plot info? That'd be good info to know (i.e. I know that my local WNDE 1260 is stronger at night and want to know what the ERP is versus the actual 5 Kw, transmitted). 73, (Dave Hascall, *ibid.*)

The other night, they did power down. As it gets towards winter the skip gets worse nearer LSS. If an app or CP for 50 KW, it doesn't mean they aren't testing the 50 KW anyway. They have a pretty strong signal to the NW. I have no idea how much power they have going NW, but have 50 KW going North, then they may be 30-40 KW to the NW, which is a lot of signal towards BC (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

You can't test for 50 KW under an app, it has to be a CP, so they don't have 50 KW on the air, yet (Paul B. Walker, *ibid.*)

It was absolutely stupid of the FCC to authorize ANY station as close as Portland OR to Vancouver BC on 50 kW CKWX 1130 frequency. Did they

forget to check the Canadian database? (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. 1060 Calgary in: 2332 EDT, 1060, "Classic Country AM 1060 ... all over southern Alberta". Putting a big dent in KYW's signal on all wires. Not sure if KYW is still in Philadelphia anymore. Chicago, maybe? (Jim Renfrew, Holley NY, Sept 28, IRCA via DXLD) He jests

CKMX 1060 isn't just "All Over Southern Alberta". They drop into Victoria BC strong enough to take the lower side splash out of the local 1070's signal at my location which happens to be favourable for nulling CFAX (Bill in BC Kral, 29 Sep, IRCA via DXLD)

Big signal here too. They used to be a rare catch, but not anymore; now that CHRB seems to have tightened up their night pattern and are much weaker than they used to be out here in the east, it looks like CKMX has stepped up to replace them as the easiest AB to hear!

CKDQ-910, CFAC-960, and CKWX-1130 are also audible here tonight, so it looks like propagation to the west is picking up (Barry McLarnon VE3JF Ottawa, ON, 0354 UT Sept 29, ibid.)

CKMX was my first ultralight Alberta logging. This was at 1125 UT this morning (9/28). Something seems to be working for them! (Bob Coomler, Tucson, AZ, ibid.)

I don't think CKMX has switched to night pattern in about a month. I also think CFAC and CKWX have been operating out of spec at night for years. None of these stations drop in received power here at their sunset switch times. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

Per NRC Pattern Book, CKMX is non-directional daytime; null to the SE at night, fat cardioid with huge lobe to NW and plenty to N and W (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6030, Calgary - CFVP relaying CKMX (AM 1060), 0331-0354, September 27. iSouthern Alberta born and raised, Classic Country AM 10-60i; played older C&W songs (iKing of the Roadi by Roger Miller, etc.); doing very well for listed 100 watts, per attached audio.

This station is a part of Astral, Canada's largest radio broadcaster with 83 licensed radio stations; map <http://www.astral.com/mapradio/>

<*>Attachment(s) from Ron Howard: <*> 1 of 1 File(s)
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/attachments/folder/1987917114/item/list>
<*> Calgary, CFVP relaying CKMX, 6030 kHz, 0340 UT, Sept. 27, 2010.mp3
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. Re 10-38: 6070, CFRX still open carrier only, Sept 24 at 0113 check. When will they notice at HQ and get around to going out to the transmitter site to fix it?

6070, still open carrier only from CFRX, Sept 24 at 0607; and around 1245 mixing with North Korea audio.

6070, another day with no modulation from CFRX, Sept 27 at 1201 just carrier making fast SAH with VOK playing DPRK NA, 1203 re-opening final hour of Japanese. NK is not on 6071, as someone recently reported, but within SAH range of CFRX, one or both just a few Hz off 6070.

6070, still open carrier, obviously CFRX with the lost modulation still ignored, meanwhile burning up a kWh for over a week, as of 0531 UT Sept 29. It could be a very simple problem to fix. I wonder if Steve Canney of ODXA has noticed these reports, as in 2008 he was their liaison/QSL manager for CFRX and eventually helped to get them back on air in 2009 and modulating properly after long downtime. There was also a CFRX yg which I can no longer reach, deleted? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is the latest. <http://www.cfrx.webs.com/>

CFRX Update: September 27, 2010

It came to my attention via e-mailed reports that CFRX was transmitting a carrier but no audio. I alerted the Chief Engineer Ian Sharp about this and he said a technician would be at the site this week to check into it further. I was at the site today and called Ian on my cell phone to tell him what I saw. I followed his instructions over the phone to try and troubleshoot the audio issue but I couldn't get audio into the transmitter. It would appear there's a problem with the audio processing unit and hopefully the technician coming in this week can resolve the issue. I just wanted to give an update on why you aren't hearing any programming on CFRX. Steve Canney (via Harold Sellers, Sept 29, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

I wasn't aware of that website; also history, photos, QSL info (gh, DXLD)

CFRX, 6070, noted with audio back on at 2320 check. 9/29 (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

: These news came slightly too late to include in WOR 1532 :

6070 - CFRX, Toronto heard with local political talk show, "Friendly Fire", with listeners calls at 0040. Fair/poor signal, low strength.

Spanish, or Portuguese, station underneath in addition to splash from Cuba on 6060. IDs and traffic report (Stephen Wood, Harwich, MA, Drake R8B, 25 x 50 N/E superloop antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: Just checked for CFRX and as of 0219 UT tune in, weak with RHC splatter, not sure if they'll be back up to full modulation or not. Could make out very little talking there. Will keep checking tomorrow, fingers crossed! 73's, (Noble West, Clinton TN, Brainman Media, UT Sept 30, Grundig YB500 with Whip Antenna indoors, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6160, Sept 25 at 1142, interview by OM announcer with a regional British accent, so it is CRI? With a YL about the Israel/Palestine border and human rights violations. 1146 revealed as from bbcworldservice.com. Therefore, this is part of the CBC Overnight relays via CKZU Vancouver (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. 7325, RCI, Sept 25 at 1110 in Arabic with ID in passing, about equal mix with CRI in Japanese, both of them USward, but RCI never has figured out there could be a collision, as this has been going on for several seasons. I assume there have been few complaints from RCI's minuscule audience of Arabic-understanding SWLs in the USA who want to hear about Canadian immigration matters at 4, 5, 6, or 7 in the morning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9625, Sept 26 at 0630, open carrier, no tone test, but presumably CBC NQ transmitter left on again a sesquihour after sign-off at 0505; why? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Analogs that must switch by 2011-08-31

CRTC has specifically spelt out which Canadian stations are to be converted from analog to DTV by August 31, 2011. See Appendix I... <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2010/2010-719.htm>
(William R Hepburn (VEM30NT22), Grimsby ON CAN 43 10 59.4 -79 33 34.5, <http://dxinfocentre.com/hepburn/> WTFDA via DXLD)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. 7220, R. Centrafrique, Bangui. Speakers in vernacular in fair strength signal. Considerable atmospheric noise 1915, 9/9 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony 2001D with 7m vertical antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD) But no longer active? (gh)

** CHAD. 6165.2, RNT, N'Djamena. Final part of program, featuring ID in vernacular and French and playing the NA till 2227 and close/down. Whistling with Croatia, also on odd frequency, approx 6164.5 at 1830 on 10/9 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

6165, RNT, *0427-0445, Sept 24, sign on with Balafoon IS. National Anthem at 0430. French talk. Afro-pop music at 0435. Poor. Weak in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** CHINA. Mr. Hauser - I've been reading your loggings for a while now, and thought you'd be interested in my reception this morning of two of the Firedrake signals. Both were receivable at 1045 UT, one on 8400, parallel on 10500. The one on 10500 was the weaker of the two, but both were coming in quite audible above the noise level here in the panhandle of Florida this morning. Playing nothing but music, but that's not unexpected given the nature of the stations. Receiver is a Yaesu FRG-100 with just a long-wire antenna; can't do much given I'm renting, so I do the best I can with what I've got. *chuckle* Thanks (Raymond Lang, Fort Walton Beach, FL, Sept 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Sept 23: none heard 8-18 MHz between 1130 and 14, especially checking the prime hangouts.

Firedrake Sept 24: conditions from E Asia poor.

8400, just barely audible at 1250

10500, JBA at 1256

No others up to 15 MHz heard before 1300

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 6175, CNR1, Sept 25 at 1138 in clear, lacking usual het on lo side from Malaysia, and Chinese on 6175 // 6125, and // 6150 way atop RHC and another station, i.e. R. Taiwan International, as the middle CNR1 is really a jammer. 6150 also had a big carrier, something else? Maybe Cuba being undermodulated.

Firedrake Sept 26: not heard anywhere, 8-18 MHz between 1305 and 1325. Has it been greatly cut back, or is it just poor propagation?

Firedrake Sept 27: none found between 8 and 18 MHz during several scans between 1200 and 1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

10500, Firedrake, 1030-1045 Sept 28, Noted a strong signal here with Chinese instrumental music being played. Compared this music with that heard on 8400 and it wasn't in sync. 10500 music seemed to be ahead in time. Anyway, 10500 signal was at a good level this morning.

8400, Firedrake, 1030-1045 Sept 28, Noted a weak signal here with Chinese Instrumental music. Signal was not the usual fair level heard before. Checked other Firedrake frequencies scheduled during this period and heard only 10500 kHz (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, WR G31DDc, 26.37N 081.05W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Sept 28:

8400, poor at 1255 after inaudible several days; still at 1324
9380, good but with flutter at 1257; gone at 1324
11100, good but with flutter at 1258; gone at 1324
No others found up to 15 MHz by 1300; or up to 18 MHz after 1305
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Firedrake (FD) Sept 28; all FD parallel:

8400, from 1228 to 1300*; then SOH heard in the clear till FD *1315;
FD strong signal

9380, from 1228 to 1300*; very good; followed by what seemed to be
VOA via Thailand in listed Pashto (Deewa); scheduled 13-14; FD did
not return again

11100, from 1228-1300*; very good; then station in Chinese (who?);
was not // SOH on 8400; FD did not return

13970, from 1228-1300*; very poor; FD slightly underneath a station
in Chinese; assume SOH; both went off at 1300 and did not return.

Firedrake (FD) Sept 29:

8400, clear frequency with no SOH nor FD at 1237
10500 // 11100 at 1237; good.

Note the Aoki list has removed the asterisk (* = Chinese jamming) from
many of the SOH frequencies (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA,
EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also
TAIWAN

Firedrake Sept 29:

8400, nothing at 1258, nor any others after 1305, until:
10500, JBA at 1415
11100, open carrier with flutter at 1415; 1416 music cuts on, fair
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Strait, 1500, September 26. Double checked
for the Sunday only program in English (iFocus on Chinaí) from 1500 to
1530; was not heard, so assume they do have a new schedule (Ron
Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

6115, Voice of the Strait-Fuzhou, 1228, 9/25/10. Poor with childrenís
chorus and talk in Amoy; // 7280 seemed to have the same program
although the usually reliable Aoki list has this in Mandarin and not
Amoy (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, NRD-545; R-75 +PAR-SWL and FlexMLB, NASWA
Flashsheet via DXLD)

** CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay R., Nanning 1300-1340+ Sep 23. Tuned in just as English ID was given about 1300:20 by M: "This is Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio," then into program of talk and soft vocal music. Not sure of language - didn't really sound like the right cadence for either Cantonese or Vietnamese. Fair signal and was // to 9820, which was good. 5050 deteriorated after 1330 and was nearly gone by 1400; 9820 also went downhill as well, although did note the 5+1 pips at 1400, followed by the multi-lingual IDs (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. Re 10-38: Hi Glenn, The Colombian daily El Tiempo reported that among the 27 members of the FARC who were killed in an attack by the army on September 19 near the Ecuadorian border was María Victoria Hinojosa, alias Lucero Palmera who ran the FARC's clandestine radio station La Voz de la Resistencia. A journalist before she joined the rebel ranks, she broadcast under the name Mariposa Cano and was the girlfriend of a FARC leader who is currently in prison in the United States. She belonged to the 48th Front, which was responsible for killing eight policemen during a September 10 attack in the municipality of San Miguel, the newspaper said. 73s, (Marty Delfin, Madrid, Spain, Sept 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 6009.99v, LV de tu Conciencia, 0415-0500, Sept 24, English religious talk with Spanish translations. Fair signal. Slightly unstable frequency drifting. Noted on 6009.99 at 0417. 6010.04 at 0439. 6010.02 at 0441. 6010.01 at 0500 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** COSTA RICA. 2859.8, tnx to a tip from Brian Alexander reminding us of the harmonic, last heard 6+ months ago, it's still there, and oncoming fall/winter conditions should audiblize it better. Sept 23 at 1117 I hear some Mexican music, stronger than North Korea 2850; 1119 a brief announcement may have mentioned San Carlos, for this is surely R. San Carlos, off-frequency as before, 2 x 1429.9.

WRTH 2010 says it's TIRDVC, 3 kW on 1430 from Ciudad Quesada at 1115-0200, but no mention of the harmonic! making this CR's only active SW station, if you don't mind fudging HF a bit below 3 MHz. By 1135, it had become weaker than 2850 and bothered by intermittent local line noise bursts.

[later:] What was I thinking? There is of course also ELCOR, 5954+, with Radio Rep'blica, believed to be from Costa Rica, lacking any hard confirmation, and it's absent from WRTH 2010, altho it was in 2009 but lacking details, not even a number) address entry.

After checking on R. Verdad, 4055+, see GUATEMALA, I looked for R. San

Carlos on 2859.8, Sept 24 at 0200, but no trace of it. Up to its old trix, varying sign-off time considerably around 0200. The nominal sign-on at 1115 could be informative (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 5954.18, COSTA RICA (CLANDESTINE), ELCOR (Radio Republica relay), Guapiles. 2121 September 21, 2010. Abruptly off 2129. Cuba jammer up at 2137! On September 22: 2132 until jammers up at 2158:10 and 2158:24, and possibly a third at 2158:34. Seems to be a constant, sloppy cat-and-mouse chase here (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5954.18, ELCOR - Radio Republica, 0345-0400*, Sept 24, Spanish talk. Closing ID announcements at 0358-0400. Poor to fair mixing with a somewhat weak jammer (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

5954.2, RADIO REPUBLICA. Gualapiles [sic], 0050-0150 Sept. 26. Programaci3n de Radio Rep3blica, con fuerte interferencia desde Cuba, adem3s heterodino con Pío XII en 5952.4 y emisoras adyacentes. No encontr3 otra emisi3n en // de Radio Rep3blica ni en 49 3 31 metros a esta hora (Rafael Rodr3guez R., Bogot3 D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i e Hilo de 15 metros, visite: <http://dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com/> via Yimber Gavir3a, Sept 27, DXLD)

5954.19, 2310-2340 26.09, clandestine, R Rep3blica, via ELCOR, Guapiles, Costa Rica, Spanish talk, jingle with ID: "Radio Rep3blica", mentioned Cuba several times, severe heterodyne, 32332 (Anker Petersen, done on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Glenn, I just came across the 2008 thread about Radio Casino in Lim3n, Costa Rica (TIQ) [former occupant of 5954 --- gh]

I used to work for the same company as Jorge Pardo, and after I was terminated, Mr. Luis Grau hired me to rewire the recording studio console and the short wave transmitter.

That was back in 1984, and all three outlets (FM, MW and SW) were active and healthy from Cieneguita (Little swamp) which Sydney Walther used to call iSilverTown 1.

The fact that the transmitter locations were in the middle of a swamp, guaranteed a very effective ground plane for the MW antenna (base loaded 0 wave). The SW outlet had an inverted L.

Thanks for your site, and for the memories it brought back. Kind regards, (Ricardo Trujillo V., LATAM Solutions Specialist, Enterprise Division, 4690 Millennium Drive, Belcamp, MD 21017, Sept 28, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. Is there really an English news segment somewhere in Croatia's 08-12 transmission via Singapore, on 11675 to Au/NZ? I haven't seen any reports about when it's actually heard. When Croatia used its German relays to Oceania on 9470 many years ago there was a short English segment at 0700 (0600 in summer) for three minutes. (Joe Hanlon, NJ, Sept 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

None of the current references seem to show it. Precise info about the content of the SW services seems lacking on their own website (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. Disclaimer: MW logs may not be read, much less reproduced, by NRC members. When my name is seen, move along promptly to the next item. [also applicable to logs below beyond Cuba].

650, Radio Progreso, unknown site. 1019-1026 September 26, 2010. very good (for a little while) over WSM, parallel 640, etc. Not to be confused with the listed Rebelde (and not parallel Rebelde). As per my Cubalist, this was first noted in August, 2008 with test tones mid-afternoon 8/09/2008, by Paul Zecchino and myself. DF's east of Habana near Ciego de Avila. First log of this one for me since then.

990, Radio Guam, San Luis, Pinar del Rio. 1038-1045 September 25, 2010. Fading up very strong level with man and woman newscast, punctuated by Old School news pulsing and laser sound effects. Parallel weaker 1020 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Is this already known?
<http://www.ecured.cu/index.php/Radiocuba>

Seems to me worth to check out if this data is plausible, since it looks like real stuff (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 23, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, that R. Cuba MW list is new to me, and very interesting. Since it's jpg and uncopiable, I started to hand copy all the locations for 1180 kHz (really to jam Radio Marti), until I realized there were several in almost every province! Totaling about 35, R. Rebelde except for one R. Reloj, in Marti(!), Matanzas, and some 'emergency' listings. If all these are really on the air, there should be an even bigger mess on 1180 than Florida monitors are hearing. Of course most are low power and do their job only in a limited radius around their towns. Listings for Holguin and Santiago de Cuba are blurred, so any entries for 1180 or 1620 there may have been missed.

1620 outlets definitely listed, only two, and ta-d., here are the locations:

1620, Ciudad de La Habana, Guanabacoa, Radio Cadena Habana, 5 kW
1620, Guant·namo, Guant·namo, Radio Rebelde, 1 kW

However, I don't think the former programming has been reported on 1620, just two (or more) unsynchronized Rebeldes (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. RHC keeps us guessing with their anomalies: Sept 23 at 0622 I find Spanish on: 5040, 5970, 6120, 6150 (6150 and 5970 usually in English); English was really only on 6010, 6060.

At 0623, The 5040 transmitter was fulcrumming the 5025 Rebelde transmitter, producing a weak mix of the two audios, leapfrogging to 5055, fading out and in, not to be taken for Vanuatu, the long-gone TIFC Costa Rica still in the WRTN 2010 frequency list, or one of the Brazilians.

Contrary to 24 hours earlier, RHC Sept 24 at 0608 check had English back on four frequencies instead of two: 5970, 6010, 6060, 6150, the last one muffled, with Spanish on 6120, 5040.

9965, heavy wall-of-noise against nothing (?) from the DentroCuban Jamming Command is still running in the daytime starting at *1358+. But I have yet to catch when it ends. Sept 24 at 2008 it's still roaring, and I meant to retune before 2100 for another check, but not today. I did remember at 2158 and by then 9965 jamming was off, uncovered a very weak carrier, only T8WH PALAU listed, tho VOR via ARMENIA collides with it after 2200.

Heavy jamming now at 2158 is focused on 9955 instead, despite the fact that in latest schedule WRMI has NO exile programming on Fridays between 21 and 23 (tho there is some scattered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays). I fear WOR is getting this treatment at 2100 on Thursdays, 2230 on Tuesdays. The DCJC cannot be bothered to match its schedule, with the WRMI schedule, program-for-program, varying by day of week. Axually, I DO expect them to.

11760, RHC English hour made it thru the burocratic tangle onto the air Sept 24, at 2010, instead of oft-substituting Spanish, but undermodulated and made worse by the soft-spoken ``Ed Newman`` who never raises his voice, outshouted by neighbor on 11775; see ANGUILLA; See also USA: WRMI

Another Sunday, and RHC fires up the frequencies it is still not using for ``Alô, Presidente`` relays from VENEZUELA, which supposedly resume

next week. Sept 26 at 1423, 17750 just open carrier making SAH atop weak audio, listed VOA Kurdish via Wertachtal, GERMANY, so I checked the others:

13750 inbooming with RHC program modulation, instead of 13680 weekdays, which had been on at 1318 with mailbag; but still // and synchro equal inboomer on 13780. Plus RNV channels 12010 somewhat weaker, 11690 with usual distortion and RTTY QRM. And // regular RHC on 11730, 11760, 15120, 15360, 15380. Another check at 1555, all //: 17750, 15380, 13750, 12030, 12010, 11760, 11730, 11690, but no longer 15360, 15120, or 13780 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040, RHC, UT Monday Sept 27 at 0556-0558, Manolo de la Rosa ending secret replay of En Contacto, DX program, so the quarter hour would have started at 0543. Should also be on at least one //, 6120, not checked.

RHC English Sept 29 at 0532 on 5970, 6010 and 6150 synchronized and just about equal in modulation too; usually, 6150 is undermod. However, 6060 was missing. Spanish on 6120 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. IN CUBA, OVERCOMING THE NOISE TO HEAR RADIO FROM "THE OTHER SHORE." Posted: 28 Sep 2010

Huffington Post, 24 Sept 2010, Yoani Sanchez, Cuban blogger: "We live in the midst of a real war of radio frequencies on this Island. On one side we have the broadcasts of the station called Radio Marti -- banned, but very popular among my compatriots, they are transmitted from the United States -- and on the other side the buzzing they use to silence it. The radio receivers sold in the official stores have had the module that allows you to hear these transmissions removed, and the police are in the habit of searching the roofs for the devices that help to better capture these signals.

Meanwhile, inside their houses, people look for the place -- it could be a corner, near a window, or stuck to the ceiling -- where the radio manages to ignore the annoying beeping of the interference. It is common to see someone lying on the floor while they locate the exact point where local programming is overshadowed by what comes from abroad. It doesn't matter what they're sending from the other shore, whether it's a boring musical program, the news in English, or a weather report from somewhere else in the world. What matters is that it is a balm for the ears, that it sounds different, that it is something other than that mix of slogans and prose without freedom that is transmitted daily on Cuban radio." (kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

The "module" is perhaps the shortwave band circuitry, but not easily removed in small, modern shortwave radios (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, La Voz de los Andes, Pichincha, *0827-0833, 26-09, inicio programación, himno, quechua, comentarios. Muy débil. Mejor en LSB. 14321 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, Escuchas realizadas en casco urbano de Lugo los días 19 y 26 de Septiembre, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EL SALVADOR. Radio Venceremos --- Pessoal, Navegando pelo Youtube encontrei o video abaixo onde h· um trecho da famosa radio clandestina "Venceremos", operado pela guerrilha Salvadoreña nos anos 80.

Esta emissora operou por 11 anos ininterruptos, desde localidades desconhecidas nas selvas e montanhas de El Salvador, em um territorio cercado de tecnologias americanas, que nunca descobriu seu verdadeiro QTH.

Independente da ideologia politica, vale a pena ver o video, pelo valor historico do radio nos momentos de conflitos. Segue o Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDSyQx7xwIA&NR=1>
(Marcio Martins Pontes, Registro - SP, Membro DXCB, 25 September, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005.00, 1950-2130 22.09, R Bata, Bata, French/Spanish. British Rap songs presented in French, best in LSB to avoid strong CWQRM, 2000 non-stop Western and Afropop, 2100 Spanish news and reports 34333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire pulled up in the trees in my garden at 9 metres altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. 6250, on the air Sept 24, still weakly audible in presumed Spanish at 0607; while SASASAM, WESTERN SAHARA [non] was much stronger with usual chantfest on 6297.1. Don't often hear both of them at once.

6250, Sept 29 at 0528 tune-in, Castilian talk from RUGE, S9+18, fair with fading, good modulation, 0533 into hlife music. This must have been a rare occasion when on early enough to collide with the Bonaire leapfrog mixing product also on 6250 from another Spanish, Radio Japón 6080 over RNW Dutch 6165, another 85 kHz higher, since the latter cuts off at 0527*. Rue having missed it as I listened too long to Radio Verdad. I'll bet next mornings, RUGE is back coming on later if at all (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, Sept 27 at 1445, hoarse screaming

southern American gospel huxter (no, not BS), fair with fading, not undermodulated but with PA reverb and amens interjected. Has to be R. Africa, rather unusual to hear this early, and who knows if they are on the air at this time every day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. VoBME-2 at 1700-1800 on Wednesday 22nd: 5955, 7125, 7172, 9710 kHz. Only 7125 noisejammed until 1730. Strong carrier on 5954 kHz (while VoTR 5950 missing). VoBME-1 (presumed) on 7210. 5955, 7125, 9710 closed around 1800. 73 thorsten (Hallmann, Münster, Germany, www.africalist.de.ms Sept 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Transmitter usage of Eritrea on 7 MHz. I have made investigation on the three transmitters of Eritrea using 7 MHz. Their offsets are: tx "A" -10 Hz, tx "B" +5 Hz and tx "C" +20 Hz.

Tx A is usually on 7175 (7172) kHz, tx B on 7165 kHz and tx C has most variable frequency (Pekka Kemppinen, Finland, OH2BLU, intruderalert Sept 25 via BC-DX via DXLD)

[and non]. 7165, Almost already regularly here seems to jam Ethiopia. Noted at 0356 with IS and ID in vernacular and // 7195 and 9710, but from 0357 on 7165 jammed by iwhite noiseî (I think the Ethiopian jammers are DRM transmitters). 2-4/9.

7172, Often used by Eritrea frequency when is // to 7165 and 7195 usually after 0445, 4/9.

7195, With ID at 1600 some like iDimtsy Ertranî and observed till 1700 but no trace of Uganda on that freq. 2-4/9.

9710, Eritrea. Is here irregularly 0355-0657 usually // some of 7140, 7165, 7172, 7195. After 0700 only Radio Australia with news in English is heard here // 15160. 2-14/9 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 6090, Amhara State Regional Radio, 0306-0340, Sep 23. Noted under Dr. Gene Scott/Anguilla with Horn of Africa vocals and talks in presumed Amharic language. Some nice clear listening moments when DGS had one of his long pauses but otherwise very poor (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. via Samara, Russia, 15350, Radio Bilal, *1800-1815+, Sept 25, sign on with opening ID announcements and into local chants. Possible Qur'an. Amharic talk. Middle-East style music. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. Atlantic Radio Ireland 6960 kHz

Atlantic Radio on 6960 kHz shortwave this weekend from the west of Ireland with clear fair signal here this morning (Sunday 26 Sept). Exact frequency is 6959.76 kHz. According to their Facebook page they have been heard in Florida, USA, Canada, Georgia, Moscow, Spain, France, UK and Germany (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, Sept 26, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Sent this yesterday (Sun) morning but seems to have vanished into the Yahoo black hole! Atlantic Radio still on this morning (Mon 27-Sept) on slightly different frequency 6959.62 kHz (Alan Pennington, 1205 UT Sept 27, ibid.)

EUROPirate: 6960, Atlantic R, IRELAND (presumed), 1855-..., 26 Sep'10, English, pops, some talks, announced webpage .atlanticradio.ie; 45444.73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. 1557, France Inter, Fonbonne (Nice), 1151-1207, 27 Sep'10, talks, news bulletin at 1200 when less noisy, slightly better readability; 15321. Needless to say an entry like this is only present in my LF/MF logsheets, if the signal is obs'ed. at a time when these signals aren't normally received at all. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 13640, RFI Spanish service via GUIANA FRENCH, Sept 23 from 1220, usual VG signal, but nothing heard in Spanish, just RFI Musique, including ``Calico`` at 1224; 1228 RFI IDs, no Spanish. Must be another disruption, as today's another general strike in France. Thought it might be extended past 1230 as sometimes happens, but off at 1229:38, clearing TRT music on 13635 which I then enjoy [see below]

9955, RFI English is now relayed by WRMI M-F at 1400-1430 instead of R. Prague; I imagine Jeff White worked out such a deal at HFCC Zurich in August, but why? RP is still scheduled at other times on WRMI. To confirm Sept 23 at 1408, heard English news, YL interview OM on phone about Cambodia and Vietnam, former French sphere of influence, hardly Czech, but still not certain it was really RFI until 1415 timecheck as quarter past the hour, ID and on to other features.

Must be pulled off WRN, which has RFI English also at 1400-1430, a transmission which used to be on RFI's own SW too. Maybe it's really live, unlike yesterday's news from Prague. Signal today was poor, but no jamming; more of a problem was splatter from VOA 9945 music for Indonesia, 200 degrees from Tinang, Philippines, but only on Thu-Fri-Sat; plus Brother Scare overload from WWCR 9980.

But, what will happen when WRMI switches from EDT to EST, the semihour for this becoming 1500-1530, while RFI stays at 1400? Or maybe not, via WRN.

13640, here we go again, MontsinÈry, GUIANA FRENCH still on the air long past scheduled close at 1230 after RFI Spanish: Sept 28 at 1326, soul music, 1328 RFI Musique ID, more variety of world music. Is this due to another strike back in Paris? No, 15300 direct from FRANCE was not // but with French headlines re hostage in Nigeria, football.

Recheck at 1356, 13640 is still on the air with music, weakening; 1400 4(?) -pip timesignal ending 5 seconds late, mixing with RFI news sounder beeps, and into unscheduled Spanish! 4 pm timecheck in Paris, news starting with landslides in Oaxaca due to Matthew. Maybe lasted until 1430, gone at next check 1435. Did RFI add this transmission in order to get emergency news into Oaxaca? Far-fetched (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GAMBIA [non]. via Germany, 15225, Baati Rewmi Radio, *1815-1830*, Sept 25, sign on with local Afro-pop music and opening English announcements. iVoice of Our Nationî IDs. Entire program in English with talk about the role of nations in nation development, nation building, and at what level of involvement. Fair. Sat only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** GERMANY. Hamburger Lokalradio (HLR) will run a special, six-hour shortwave show on Sunday, October 3, from 06 to 12 UT, on 5980 kHz (Kall transmitter site) with a power of 1 kW. The station invites listeners to tune in and to send in reception reports. All correct reports will be answered with a special QSL card that will only be issued for that day. Address: Hamburger Lokalradio, Kulturzentrum Lola, Lohbruegger Landstrasse 8, 21031 Hamburg, Germany; E-Mail: redaktion @ hamburger-lokalradio.de Return postage is appreciated.

The special show will focus on German Unification Day. Twenty years ago, on October 3, 1990, the German Democratic Republic ceased to exist. Five new federal states plus the eastern part of Berlin joined the Federal Republic of Germany. The HLR team will air a musical selection of bands and singers from the GDR; a sound collage (using audio material from various periods of German history); an interview with singer and guitarist Dieter Hertrampf, a.k.a. Quaster, who has been with one of the most popular GDR bands, the Puhdys; plus a look at several novels and non-fiction books that deal with the topic of German unification.

Hamburger Lokalradio has daily low-power broadcasts on 5980 kHz between 09-10 UT (10-11 UT winters). In addition, there is a show aired every first Sunday between 09-10 UT (10-11 UT winters) on 6045

kHz, with a power of 100 kW (Thomas Voelkner, Berlin, Sept 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. ISMANING 6085 CLOSING ON THURSDAY --- the following news became informally known already during an open house day in July. Could it be that I missed to report it in English and so the following will be a surprise? Anyway:

Today Bayerischer Rundfunk issued a press release about the closure of the 6085 kHz transmitter, effective Oct 1st. It refers to cost-saving measures and further states that "this decision has also been taken in light of the very low numbers of digital shortwave receivers, both on the market and amongst listeners. Very few models are available, the market has not shown a satisfying development. (...)

Other broadcasters already transmit in the DRM standard, too. Nevertheless the choice of available receivers did not emerge from the situation of very few and expensive sets."

<http://www.br-online.de/unternehmen/technik/kurzwelle-verbreitung-radioempfang-ID1285240493191.xml>

Postings in the German-language A-DX mailing list indicate that the DRM signal now includes a text message that advises of the imminent closure (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Monday Sept 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Why can't programming that has been distributed digitally to the transmitter be transmitted in analog mode? There may be advantages to analog transmission.

BR's 6085 kHz facility is one of the last shortwave transmitters used for domestic broadcasting in Germany. While medium wave provided long distance reception at night, the 49 meter shortwave band allowed similar reception during daylight. In the 1950s through 1970s, it was not uncommon for radios in Germany, especially in cars, to include the 49 meter shortwave band (and no other shortwave coverage). (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

BAYERISCHER RUNDFUNK ENDS SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING

German public broadcaster Bayerischer Rundfunk (Bavarian Radio) will end its shortwave broadcasts on 1 October 2010. From 1949-2005, Bayerischer Rundfunk broadcast in analogue mode on 6085 kHz, and in 2005 this was changed to a DRM relay of the news channel B5 Aktuell. Bayerischer Rundfunk has now decided to cease shortwave broadcasting to save costs.

The decision was made taking to account that there is still a very small selection of DRM receivers, and the market has so far not developed satisfactorily. Reverting to analogue shortwave is not a practical alternative.

On 2 May 2005, Bayerischer Rundfunk started broadcasting in DRM mode on its shortwave transmitter at Ismaning near Munich by converting its existing analogue shortwave transmitter to digital. The small financial outlay would be recovered from lower ongoing operating costs. B5 was broadcast at 06.00 to 00.05 local time. But a new DRM radio was required to receive the service.

Bayerischer Rundfunk was an early adopter of DRM, in the hope of assisting in its development. A number of other broadcasters have also made DRM transmissions, but the selection of suitable receivers has been limited to a small number of expensive devices, and only a small number have been sold.

(Source: Bayerischer Rundfunk)(September 28th, 2010 - 15:44 UTC
by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

4 Comments on iBayerischer Rundfunk ends shortwave broadcasting

1. #1 Juan Carlos Arag n on Sep 28th, 2010 at 16:34
It's a pity. The ceasing of any shortwave radio is so sad. And this one operating on DRM.

But I want to add that they need to encourage listeners. Probably they were not interesting in reception reports of their DRM transmissions. They did not replay my reception report sent the only time I received them on DRM. That kind of attention with listeners is the one that gives fruits. I am sorry.

2. #2 ruud on Sep 28th, 2010 at 16:39
In analogue mode they might have had more listeners. Now WDR please stop the DRM transmissions on 1593 AM that interferes with stations operating with low power (LPCs) on the adjacent channels 1584 and 1602.

3. #3 Benny Brown on Sep 29th, 2010 at 11:24
In the early 80s, we at Radio Luxembourg used 6090. The adjacent German signal on 6085 would regularly interfere with us. I always felt it unfair that any state/public service station would interfere with a commercial station. We eventually moved, and now they're turning it off. As much as I support DRM, the BR decision doesn't surprise me.

4. #4 Juan Carlos Arag n on Sep 29th, 2010 at 12:43
The co-channels of 6085, when you use an analogue radio, are lost with

that noise that says there is DRM operation. [means adjacent channels]

So 3 AM channels are ioccupiedî with that DRM transmission. The worst part is when you use a DRM receiver , and dued to propagation and distance, the receive can't lock the DRM transmission most of the time. But on analogue the presence of that DRM transmission is evident.

Probably the best all this ceasing is going to be that, finally, 3 shortwave channels are going to be free for another analogue broadcasters.

So I perfectly understand the point of the person above when mentioning the existing 1593 Khz DRM broadcast (Media Network blog comments via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Radio Gloria International is on this Sunday the 26th of September 2010. At 0900 to 1000 UT on our normal channel of 6140 kHz.

MV Baltic Radio relay service Schedule for Summer 2010

1st Sunday ñ MV Baltic Radio

3rd Sunday ñ European Music Radio (Nov/Dec)

4th Sunday ñ Radio Gloria International

We wish you good listening and good reception!

73s (Tom Taylor, Sept 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST via dxldyg)

Seems he never mentions the transmitter site, a minor detail which might interest some of us. Wertachtal, GERMANY, 100 kW non-direxional, which means intended coverage is Europe only; some vestiges might make it to NAM, more so into fall and winter. Now the question is, what is RGI with what programming and why would one want to listen to it? Pop music, I suppose, for which Europe is so starved, or considering the name, is it religious? From 0945 there might be co-channel from NHK in Indonesian via Singapore (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, there is a website with information about Radio Gloria International

http://www.fmkompakt.de/cms/website.php?id=/de/index/links/radio_gloria_international.htm

(unfortunatly in German only but with contact details).

RGI is a former pirate, now broadcasting its programes with rock & pop from Wertachtal and Kall-Krekel. At 0912 UT, SI0 454 on both 6140 kHz (100 kW WER) and 6005 kHz (1 kW KLL!). 73, (Douglas K%hler, QTH: Kiel, Germany, Sept 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALEMANIA, 6140, Radio Gloria Internacional, *0900-0910, 26-09, Inicio

transmisi n, locutor, ingl s: "Hello, good morning", comentarios,
m sica pop en ingl s. 25322 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Espa a, Escuchas
realizadas en casco urbano de Lugo los d as 19 y 26 de Septiembre,
Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 8 metros,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

25.9, 6140, Gloria 0950, with pops, 0956 a sudden audio drop off,
station ID 1000*, S7, 35343 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** GERMANY. DEMOLITION OF JUELICH TRANSMITTERSITE ---- Dear friends,
As I wrote earlier, the Juelich Transmittersite is in the process of
demolition. On Sept 10 they started to take down the towers. I've put
2 pictures on the following links:
<http://www.dumpyourphoto.com/photo/view/41785/oFG>
<http://www.dumpyourphoto.com/photo/view/42260/e5n>
Regards, (Jan Oosterveen, Netherlands, Sept 25, shortwavesites yg via
WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

Last weekend the local/regional radio station Radio Ruhr carried a
report about Juelich. The report is 2'10" and is in German Language.
It can be downloaded and listened to here :
<http://www.mediafire.com/?8b69w995k29wwks>
Regards, (Jan Oosterveen, Sept 27, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Perhaps this is of interest for WORLD OF RADIO. On September
10, Metallverwertungs Gesellschaft (MVG) started to take down 31 of
the 34 antenna towers of the Juelich Transmittersite. Earlier this
year, all the curtains, earthnet and coaxial feeders including the
slew switches had already been taken away.

The last owner Christian Vision (CVC) who sold the site has handed
over the premises in February/March to a consortium that plans to
build a holiday park and hotel facilities there. The demolition should
be completed by the end of October. Three towers remain as well as one
transmitter for a radio museum on the premises. Enclosed you will find
2 pictures of the work going on [same as linked above].

On September 29 WDR television broadcast a report which included
footage of the demolition and old b/w footage of the opening in the
50s. The report can be seen on this link :
http://www.wdr.de/mediathek/html/regional/rueckschau/2010/09/29/lokalzeit_aachen.xml?noscript=true&offset=569&autoPlay=true&#flashPlayer
Kind regards/Met vriendelijke groet, (Jan Oosterveen, Netherlands,
Sept 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Lasts about 4 minutes from start point

** GERMANY [non]. 17840, DW in German, so it can't be from Germany,
Sept 27 at 1412, and pronounced echo about two words apart, too much

separation to be long/short path from whatever site, also extremely unlikely at this time under current propagation conditions.

Instead, they must yet again be running two unsynchronized transmitter sites at once, or possibly putting a double audio feed into one. Still doing it at 1435 recheck, so not a momentary problem; one considerably weaker than the other.

On August 23 there was supposed to be a site change for the 14-15 transmission, from Sines, PORTUGAL at 80 degrees, to Rampisham, UK at 95 degrees. Seems likely some operator at Sines didn't get the message to go away from 17840; but has it been doubled up this way for the past month? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On September 28 there is no echo audible to me on 17840 at 1430. The signal is peaking to about S5 with lots of QSB, which intimates that it's more likely RMP than SIN. So it does seem that someone made an error yesterday.

Parallel Kigali is a nice 10dB over 9 on 15275 at 30 deg, while Woofferton 13780 at 107 and 75 deg (two senders?) is peaking to 5+ also with lot's of fading. 6075 via RMP 110deg is peaking to 10dB over 9 with fading (Noel R. Green (Blackpool, NW England), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Anyway, my guess is, that an engineer at WOF {very early previously to 1600 UT} sent that German program out in \\ to RMP. The VT-group staff/Babcock is sometimes sloppy on their duty. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

** GREENLAND. 3815, Gr̃nlands R, Tasiilaq, 2058-2116*, 25 Sep'10, music, Danish, talks, jingles, accordeon music, then suddenly off; 15341, only some brief QRM from a Russian station, presumably VOLMET. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Reset clock timer? Ex -2109* as in 10-38 (gh, ibid.)

** GUAM. 15320, Sept 26 at 2202 good with Indonesian talk, Christian stuff, hymn to tune of ``We shall not be moved`` from KSDA. Probably could have heard Wavescan in following semihour this UT Sunday, as English scheduled at 2230-2300 on same 255 degree azimuth; plus another hour until 2400 in Vietnamese due west (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I heard KSDA-15320 too on 9/26, fair level but readable at 2230 with Wavescan DX show; highlight was Jeff White reflecting on the 26 years of DX programs from AWR going back to the Radio Monitors International show from Sri Lanka, Radio Earth/Radio Discovery, etc. Earlier in the day heard same show with fair-poor signals on 15435 at

1200 via Germany; also heard in new timeslot at 1400 [Sun] via WRMI-9955 which came in good despite some buzz QRM fading in and out -- not as big as those heard on other WRMI shows (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. Re 10-38: 4055, Radio Verdad, 0255-0347, Sep 21. Thanks to Hauser tip noted with soft instrumental music, religious vocals and Spanish language talks by a man announcer. No ID noted. Poor for the most part with fair peaks with signal improving around 0310. If only 50 watts, not a bad signal considering. Nice to have back on the air (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

I was unavoidably awake before 1100 UT Sept 23, so made the best of it by monitoring, starting with 4055 for R. Verdad, nominal sign-on 1100, but nothing heard at 1059-1104 and later chex. However, at 1124 it was on with prayer(?) or at least preaching in Spanish; 1127 music. BFO needed, but it was hard to tune exactly so the music sounded right, even by first zeroing in on Nikkei 6055.

Just about no carrier from TGAV at this time, and then like Bob Wilkner, I concluded at 1150 there was an FM element to the transmission, as during pauses there would be sort of a carrier, unstable. Still audible but almost gone by 1159.

I never heard the choo-choo SFX as used to air around 1130, despite ``El Tren del Evangelio`` still on the schedule for 1125-1200 Mon-Sat. Meanwhile I was also monitoring the harmonic from COSTA RICA, and the 90m from HONDURAS, q.v.

UT Sept 24 I checked for R. Verdad earlier than before, at 0200 UT. Music audible around 4055, and still at 0235, but lacking a reference carrier, it's very difficult to get it to `sound right` with the BFO on, and once zeroed on Spain 6055, TGAV audio still is not clear, so it's slightly off, I think to the hi side, and mushy sounding with some FM component rather than pure SSB.

Dr Madrid confirms they are still running only 50 watts with the backup transmitter, but ``we'll try to increase it a little bit tomorrow``, and assures us they will be back on 4052.5 when the big transmitter is reactivated, probably around the end of October (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055-usb, R. Verdad, 0235-0315, 9/24/10. Poor but increasing to fair with wide variety of music ñ everything from marches and pop songs to gospel tunes; seemed like an endless loop since I heard several songs more than once; no IDs or any spoken words; USB only and with

considerable distortion at that (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, NRD-545; R-75 +PAR-SWL and FlexMLB, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

0303, 9/24/10 with strange distorted signal ñ similar to XP whales [?] ñ with short episodes of hymns between distorted periods. No voice heard. Jim Ronda was hearing a hymn loop at about the same time without the distortion. Poor (Mark Taylor, Madison WI, Winradio g313e, Eton E1, Satllit 800, Kaito 1103; Flextenna, EWE, attic mounted Eavesdropper, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

4055, Radio Verdad, 0346-0429 09/24/2010 --- Taking the suggestions from Robert Wilkner and a constant playing with the PBT of my R-75 I logged Radio Verdad for the first time (presumed) last night. Again here were the settings on the R-75. AGC-Off, RF as far down as I could, Preamp 2, USB.

0346-0420 signal consistently above noise floor. Inspirational instrumental music. Music moved through the TOH without a station ID. At 0405 instrumentals moving into YL singing. By 0420 the music had dropped beneath the noise floor and by 04:9 the signal was gone. Thanks Robert, (Rob Kivell, Gulf Breeze, FL, NASWA yg via DXLD)

4054.98, Radio Verdad - Radio Truth, 0505-0605*, Sept 24, tune-in to iThrough the Bible English religious program with talk and gospel music. Sign off with National Anthem at 0601. Greatly reduced carrier USB. Very little carrier evident. Poor signal with strong utility station on high side and audio slightly distorted (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

4055, caught R. Verdad at sign-off playing Guatemalan NA, Sept 24 at 0601, but QRM from ute bursts. It's a beautiful piece of music I recommend hearing clearly online from one of the NA sites (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, Radio Verdad (presumed), 0100+, 9/25/10, in Spanish. Sign on with music which continued until 0110, then talk by a woman. I can only make out an occasional Spanish word from the talk. Weak, but definitely there (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, WinRadio g313e, Flextenna, NASWA yg via DXLD) 0100 is certainly not the sign-on time unless something was amiss (gh, DXLD)

4055, R. Verdad, Sept 25 at 1100 still not on; seems they are sometimes starting a bit late. Recheck at 1119, now it's on with organ music mixed with talk, intonation sounds English rather than Spanish but can't make out a word to be sure, in mushy audio difficult to tune on USB with no carrier. 1126 definitely some Spanish, and ``I've Been Workin' on the Railroad`` in gospelized rendition, theme for ``El Tren del Evangelio`` show. By 1159 the signal was just about gone after

local sunrise there.

4055, R. Verdad, Sept 26 not checked until 0605, hoping to catch the end of the NA as usual, but instead playing some other music, hymnsong, apparently. I manage to get the USB tuned in just about right by 0607, then NA finally starts. 0612 instead of going off, starts playing yet more music, with a martial beat, but less majestic. 0613 a bit of marimba, and finally quits modulating, apparently going off (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4054.98, Radio Verdad, 0500-0613*, Sept 26, greatly reduced carrier USB. Mostly continuous Christian music. Occasional announcements in unidentified language. Not able to identify language due to muffled, somewhat distorted audio. Sign off with National Anthem followed by another tune before pulling plug. Weak. Very poor in noisy conditions and utility QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Reporte de sintonía desde la región Huasteca!!!!

Dios le bendiga ricamente, le estoy enviando esta nota para comunicarle que ya efectivamente pude captar a Radio Verdad!!!!!!

La busqué desde la tarde sin resultado, pero ya para las 8:00 pm hora local (misma que Guatemala) ya pude identificar que se trataba de su emisora educativa!!!! Pude monitorearla durante mucho tiempo, mejorando la señal a las 10:00 pm (hora local), llegando a ser una señal de débil a moderada, aun con ruidos que me impedían oírla claramente, pues hay tormentas locales. (Desde las 0200 hasta las 0330 UT = 22 Sept. 2010)

Pero le pregunto una cosa, Hno., está usando otra modulación?, pues como normalmente la debería oír, que es en AM, no la capto, tengo que activar un botón del receptor que se llama BFO (Oscilador de batido), que es el dispositivo para poder oír la Banda Lateral, una modulación diferente a la AM, ésta es SSB. Sólo así pude "entender" o hacer más legible la señal, que aunque débil se podía captar por ésta zona.

Espero oír en éstos días algún saludo.... gracias.

NOTA: Mi radio usado para sintonizarla es mi SANGEAN ATS-818, digital con capacidad de recepción de Onda Larga, AM, Onda Corta y FM, además de contar con el modular de Banda Lateral (BFO), y una antena que instalé con un cable "magneto" (de bobina) de cal. 18 de unos 15 mts. de largo, con bajada de cable coaxial a 4 metros de altura en su bajada.

Bueno, en lo posible, me pondré en contacto nuevamente, y espero enviarle algunas grabaciones. Dios le bendiga, y me uno a las

peticiones por su ministerio. Su hno. en la fe, y radioescucha
(Magdiel Cruz, desde Coxcatl n, S.L.P. en la Rep blica Mexicana!!!
Sept 22, via ...dgar Madrid, R. Verdad, DXLD)

Apreciado hermano Magdiel: Muchas gracias por su reporte. Hasta hoy
puedo responderle, porque me est n llegando much simos reportes, por
nuestras nuevas transmisiones de onda corta.

No comprendo todo lo del nuevo transmisor. Tampoco comprendo lo que es
la "Banda Lateral" y otros t rminos. Ya dos personas me han reportado
que la banda portadora la reciben a un nivel de 3, pero que la se al
de audio es d bil. Todav a no he podido controlar esta situaci n,
porque, a este momento nos fall  el compresor, y no puedo hacer mucho.
Quiz  dentro de un rato vayamos a ver esas cosas con el t cnico.
Tambi n veremos la posibilidad de aumentarle un poquito a la potencia.
Pero, su reporte me ayuda mucho.

No comprendo todo lo de este transmisor. Yo supon a que est bamos
modulando en AM, pero, le voy a preguntar al t cnico que me est 
auxiliando. ...l me ha mencionado las bandas laterales varias veces,
pero, no le he comprendido muy bien.

Lo  nico que s  es que nos est  monitoreando adecuadamente un DXista
de Enid, Oklahoma, Estados Unidos, Glen Hauser. He recibido distintos
tipos de reportes, pero, anoche, recib  un excelente reporte de
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Estados Unidos. Otros no lo han logrado
sintonizar todav a.

El transmisorcito con el cual estamos transmitiendo es uno de los que
usan los radioaficionados, y estoy sorprendido de los buenos
resultados, con s lo 50 watts de potencia. Estamos esperando que
nuestro transmisor grande quede totalmente reparado a fines de
octubre, aunque no sabemos c mo van a quedar las cosas ahora que
falleci  el Ingeniero Wayne Berger, que era quien lo estaba reparando.
Por cierto, el transmisor grande ya funciona con 600 watts, pero,
todav a da indicativos de que a n existe alg n problema. Veremos qu 
sucede cuando venga del Canad  el Ing. Ralph Wayne Borthwick. Estamos
planificando una transformaci n casi total de nuestra antena, para
reducir al m nimo las posibilidades de los rayos, y aumentar un poco
el rendimiento de la potencia. Gracias, hermano, y que Dios lo bendiga
(...dgar Am lcar Madrid, Radio Verdad, Sept 24, ibid.)

Thank you, Glenn, for your latest report. Your reports are being the
most useful. On Monday, we plan to make some adjustments, and will try
to encrease power and better the audio signal. We don't have a monitor
on either studio. I also discovered that the early morning radio
announcer is being too late to start transmission. I just sent an
attention calling to her. Thank you very much (...dgar Madrid, Radio

Truth, Sept 24, ibid.)

4055, R. Verdad unheard UT Monday Sept 27 at 0551, so off early another Sunday evening? There did seem to be a very weak carrier on frequency, however, but TGAV has been carrierless during usual broadcasts. I had suggested to Dr Madrid that they try to switch the ham transmitter in use to AM mode if at all possible. Not checked again until 1153, almost fade-out time, but could make out some music, again USB minus carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I hope we can improve our transmissions. We are receiving different types of reports: Some report a medium or good signal; some others, report a very poor signal. Some have reported a good carrier but very poor audio signal. I myself am receiving from medium to poor signal here in Chiquimula, due to a strong constant interference.

The technician is planning to go with me on Wednesday to make some adjustments, according to the reports I have received. I hope we can improve. Thank you, again, for your help (Dr. Edgar Amílcar Madrid, Radio Truth, Sept 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, R. Verdad check Sept 28 at 0552, only a weak carrier, not sure from this. Possibly when not modulating, the transmitter radiates a weaker carrier, not completely off.

4055-USB, Sept 29 at 0523, mostly music from R. Verdad, fair signal with a bit of carrier. 0601 sign-off message in English, hymn, 0602 Spanish announcement, 0603 NA. Somewhat better signal level than usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GUATEMALA. LA HUELLA DE WAYNE EN LA RADIOCOMUNICACIÓN**

el Periódico, Dom 26 sept 2010 Obituarios:

<http://www.elperiodico.com.gt/es/20100926/obituarios/176592/>

Wayne Berger, considerado genio en su ramo, se ganó el afecto y respeto de sus colegas nacionales pelando los cables que dieron vida al desarrollo de las transmisiones de la radiodifusión de los años sesentas.

por Aaron Marroquin

EP Foto: Archivo Wayne Berger trabajó en la radio iTGNi durante 43 años. Murió en Israel la semana pasada, tenía 66 años.

La noticia llegó desde Jerusalén, Anthony Wayne Berger Wiseman falleció en esa ciudad la mañana del martes mientras dirigía un viaje turístico y luego de sufrir una arritmia cardíaca 3 días atrás, tenía

66 años.

El talento de Wayne en la ingeniería electrónica contribuyó al desarrollo de varias radiodifusoras que buscaban la supremacía de audiencia, entre ellas destaca TGW Radio Nacional, Emisoras Unidas, Radio Maya, Radio Buenas Nuevas, Radio VEA y Radio Corporación Nacional.

El ingeniero Antonio Funes, jefe del entonces departamento técnico de Fabu Estereo, base de la cadena de Emisoras Unidas, recordó que existen dos importantes aportes de Wayne a la radio nacional; su asistencia con la construcción de los equipos de la primera transmisión de la Vuelta Ciclista en la que se usó una avioneta como satélite. Y en la ampliación de alcance y potencia del fabucasco; una especie de burbuja plástica con un transmisor que funcionó como teléfono celular y que permitió conocer la opinión de los protagonistas desde el lugar de los hechos.

El científico nació en la ciudad de Maryland, Atlanta, el 1 de febrero de 1944, de sus progenitores sólo se conoce que él era judío y ella alemana. Wayne fue adoptado antes de cumplir los seis años por una familia de escasos recursos. Empezó a reparar jugando hasta que logró arreglar su primer radio.

En 1960, año en el que aprobó los exámenes del entonces Gobierno federal norteamericano, trabajó como ingeniero principal de diferentes estaciones de radio en la región noreste de Georgia, Estados Unidos.

Su historia en Guatemala inició en 1964, cuando hizo un viaje con el fin de trasladar equipos de transmisión para Radio Cultural TGN, y luego regresar a su país noventa días después. En 1966 se graduó como ingeniero en electrónica de la Toccoa Fall University, en su ciudad natal.

Terminada su carrera profesional, se incorporó a la Misión Centroamericana con sede en Dallas, Texas, y se radicó en Costa Rica en 1967. Ese mismo año regresó a Guatemala, donde coincidió con una plaza vacante como técnico en una cadena radial religiosa.

Cuatro años después recibió el aval oficial del Gobierno nacional para ejercer su profesión. Ese mismo año conoció en esa emisora a Marievelia Méndez, meses después viajaron juntos para contraer nupcias en Dallas, Texas, y procrearon a su único hijo, Anthony Berger.

Laboró en Radio cultural TGN durante 43 años, fue director entre 1980 y 1982. Desde 1985, tras la salida del religioso Julian Llorent, funcionó como su gerente e ingeniero técnico. Tal era el respeto y admiración de sus colegas que al llegar la subasta de frecuencias

ellos priorizaron los intereses de Wayne, isaliô a subasta la de San Marcos, todas las emisoras estuvieron presentes pero nadie ofertô para que Wayne la obtuviera por medio millôn de quetzalesî, asegurô Misael V·squez, miembro de la junta directiva de esa emisora. Esa frecuencia cubre tambiën la parte sur de MÈxico (una frecuencia municipal cuesta seis veces m·s).

En esa emisora, su amigo y locutor Juan Francisco Garcïa resoplô antes de anunciar la hora en punto y dar paso al desfile de condolencias provenientes de distintos puntos del païs, su labor no ha descansado, el pÈsame se ha hecho escuchar incluso por mexicanos y europeos que siguen la transmisiôn. ¡Era un genio con una personalidad entre rasgos amables y de car·cter fuerteî, explicô Garcïa.

Desde su salida de Guatemala el 14 de septiembre, un cuarto de seis metros cuadrados llenos de alambres, bobinas, tornillos y transistores a·n lo esperan. A pesar de contar con 12 aõos de experiencia, como cada septiembre, Wayne despertô a las 2:30 de la maõana para preparar otro dïa como guïa turïstico de un grupo de connacionales en JerusalÈn y un paro cardïaco cesô su labor, a las 8:45 del dïa martes se confirmô su muerte. Su esposa llegô a ese païs pocas horas despuÈs y junto al embajador y cûnsul guatemalteco en esa Naciôn recibieron en Tel Aviv el fÈretro de Wayne que llegar· a Guatemala la prûxima semana (via Eddie Obdulio Morales del Cid via Edith Madrid, Guatemala, DXLD)

** GUINEA. 4899.97, Familia FM, 2335-0002*, Sept 24-25, French pops / ballads. Afro-pop music. French talk. Weak. Very poor with CODAR QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

4899.97, Familia FM, Conakry, 2330-2359*, Sept 25, French pops. Afro-pop music. French talk. Sign off with possible National Anthem. Weak. Very poor with CODAR QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** GUINEA. -Conakry, 7125, R. Guinée remains silent. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, Sept 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. New on RNZI - Hawaii Calls KGMB & KORL

RNZI Airs New Radio Heritage Documentary

Join us from Monday, October 4 2010 as we bring you the story of Hawaii Calls in our new radio heritage documentary broadcast on the Mailbox program from Radio New Zealand International.

Yes, you'll hear about Johnny Noble's Moana Hotel Orchestra live from the studios at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu, but you'll also hear the sounds of two famous Hawaii Calls, KGMB and KORL.

You can listen directly via shortwave or audio on demand [for the following month] with full details of current broadcast frequencies and times possible for your area as well as audio downloads at www.rnzi.com.

Since the 1920's, Hawaiian radio stations and music have reached across the Pacific, and we've found two special recordings we'll share with you in this program.

You'll hear the famous 'On the Coconut Wireless' theme music for the news bulletins from KGMB Honolulu, music, a station ID jingle and a radio commercial for Sizzlers Family Restaurants when the featured plate cost just 69 cents.

What's a little unusual is that the recording was made off the air more than 7000 km away from Honolulu, and 50 years after the original KDYX call sign changed to KGMB in 1930.

Then we're joining evening host Sean Lynch from KORL 65 in Honolulu and enjoying his choice of music from the period when KORL was still one of the top AM radio stations in the state.

Again, the recording is made live off the air from over 7000km away, and demonstrates how powerful the AM signals from Hawaii could be some 30 years ago. They could truly say they covered the Pacific.

You'll hear how station manager Hal Davis encouraged KORL DJ's to build station ratings to reach levels that AM station managers in the state can only dream about today.

In those days the big stations were KORL, KKUA, KGU, KIKI, KAHU and KLEI as far as station power went, and although KGMB, KORL, KKUA, KPOI and many other local favorites are now silent, their memories remain.

Join us from Monday October 4 2010 as we hear again the DJ's, the jingles and the music and memories from two great Hawaii Calls, KGMB and KORL, on the Mailbox program from Radio New Zealand International.

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You can also enjoy more Hawaiian radio memories at our permanent on-line exhibition, the Art of Radio Hawaii, at <http://www.radioheritage.net> Many great Hawaii Calls are featured with colorfully illustrated logos and artwork.

The Radio Heritage Foundation is a registered non-profit organization connecting popular culture, nostalgia and radio heritage across the Pacific (David Ricquish, RHF, Sept 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. 3250.0, Sept 23 at 1138, hymns in Spanish, so the HRPC transmitter is currently in whack rather than spurring on 3288v. Some lite SSB QRM on side, perhaps MARS. 1143 YL sings ``Maravillosas Palabras de Vida``, appropriately for R. Luz y Vida, San Luis, Santa Barbara. Their QSL with a map, spells out call as ``Honduras Radio Proclamando a Cristo``. Neither the current WRTH nor the final PWBR give us this info (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4920.15, AIR, Chennai, 0013-0025 Sept 24, At 0013, noted Interval signal until 0015. At that time a female comments (probably ID) and singing by a group which is probably NA. Incidentally, the interval was a wind instrument continuous tune with about five notes to it. At 0016 a female comments in Hindi which is followed with "charmer" type music. Signal was fair throughout (Chuck Bolland, WR G31DDC, 26.37N 081.05W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 13695, AIR, Bangalore. Heard well with a long Indian song with drum and accordion-type accompaniment 1040-1047. No announcements so language unknown, and not listed for this time in AOKI or HFCC. Heard on 9/9 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Dipoles), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD) ?? Yes it is, English at 10-11 (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. The Mahalaya special from AIR on Oct 6-7, as in 10-38, is mentioned on WORLD OF RADIO 1532

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, 1250-1315+ Sep 25. Music on gamelan-like instruments; then man in long monologue, sometimes talking, sometimes chanting, with the music in the background. Language was not Bahasa Indonesia; probably indigenous programming for the interior. Good signal but deteriorating after 1315 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9526-, VOI English hour at 13-14 has been on the air every day this week, tho not always logged. Still VG signal but annoying with occasional audio dropouts. In the 1335-1336 minute Sept 24, I counted five OADs very irregularly spaced, all but one during the first semiminute. At 1336 was transitioning from Miscellany to Music Corner featuring a pop singer, name sounded like Inez Cynthia, so back to Mesopotamia, see KURDISTAN, for some much more exotic music.

9526-, VOI, Sept 26 at 1304 check, just open carrier with hum instead

of English broadcast. A good way to lose your audience, such as myself, who kept tuning on, and did not get back to check 9526- until 1322, when VOI was in English, no telling how late it really started; with Highlights of the Week. 1326 News in Brief. 1328 ID with three imaginary frequencies. 1329 anchor introduced Miscellany but instead played Indonesian Wonder, about an island in South Sumatera province, sounded like Tumaru but do not find such a name in an atlas.

Earlier OADs were not too noticeable, but this feature has continuous musical background making them more obvious, seemingly becoming more frequent. 1333 really into Miscellany, about informal education programs. Another night in the life of this flawed station, but at least they keep trying rather than giving up on SW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.96, 26/9 1834-, Voice of Indonesia, Spanish program, report, talks about Indonesia, several IDs and web URL, music and songs, very good, strong signal, stopped at 1858 by China Radio Int in Russian on 9525 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Drake R8; Yaesu FRG-7; AOR 7030 - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Any OADs like plague the English at 13-14??? (gh, DXLD)

Another Tuesday, so partly listened to another Exotic Indonesia excursion to RRI Banjarmasin for co-produxion with VOI Jakarta, 9526-: Sept 28 at 1308, alternating news segments underway with Banj guy talking about family planning; outros with his name, but as always can't copy it with any accuracy. Then Jak YL about airport hostage incident, or was it a drill? Her heavily accented English is extremely halting as she tries to read the script. Are these students earning credit for attempting international broadcasting?

Another segment from Banj guy, sounds like he IDs as Frat Rahman Iman, something like that, three names instead of only one. News to-and-fro lasts until 1320, then onto what he introduces as a ``Dignatorial`` but the YL speaker calls a Commentary, about corruption in the Attorney General's office and the need to bring in his successor from outside rather than inside promotion.

Thruout, the OADs were annoying and getting worse. Enough of that. Recheck at 1344, now there is crackle too, marring a report from Banj on breast-feeding; then the guy talks about various ``culinaries``, describing content of some exotic dishes, but not enough detail to make them recipes, e.g. banana cake, apparently having something to do with a festival.

Besides the dropouts and crackles, he occasionally does voice-overs, but the Indonesian audio mix just amounts to more self-imposed QRM tho it may sound pro and cool in the studio! 1355 he and the Jakman wrap

it up barely in time to play a song request from a listener, who has been waiting the entire hour for it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [and non]. 11805, Sept 28 at 1303, Qur'an, weak with flutter, mixing with CNR1. Normally all we hear is the ChiCom jamming and sometimes VOA Chinese. The only thing which fits is VIRI Urdu service, 500 kW, 178 degrees from Kamalabad at 1300-1427. Note: Pakistan is not due south from anywhere in Iran. Is it really for Pakis in the UAE? Yes, CIRAF target is 39 = Arabian peninsula, not Pakistan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. ...IRE, 252 RT..., Summerhill, 1154-1330, 27 Sep'10, English, weather & coastal weather rpts., music piece, announcements and advertisements prior to the 1200 news bulletin interspersed with a brief weather report at 1207 and not to mention more ads, phone-in program in progress before 1330; 33442, QRM de ALGERIA.

A public station airing ads is, well, rather strange, but there are some; what I always felt even stranger is that RT... inserts ads during their newscasts! Not that public radio here in Portugal follows that pattern, it never did, but the tv counterpart, also state owned, does it for quite a number of years now: too boring. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [and non]. Ireland's only shortwave broadcasting is due to "efforts of renegade engineers inside RT..." Posted: 25 Sep 2010

Brian Greene blog, 18 Sept 2010: Irish public broadcaster "RT... don't broadcast on shortwave. RT... listeners overseas go to many lengths to hear the national service but one of these lengths is not the shortwave wavelength. With a large diaspora from famine and economic emigration the state broadcaster has NO shortwave service and never has had any plan to activate one.

This Sunday, before Micheál "Muircheartaigh hangs up his microphone on his last senior all Ireland men's football final it will be broadcast on shortwave like all the All Irelands have been over the past decade and a half. But this shortwave service (mainly to Africa) is not the brainchild of RT..., but the conscientious efforts of renegade engineers inside RT... who went outside of the state broadcaster to rent shortwave airtime from the BBC / Merlin to get coverage on 2 days in September every year. RT... has continued the activity but without a ounce of publicity it generally goes unnoticed." (kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

Obviously unaware of the daily one-hour RTE relay also via South Africa courtesy WRN, 1930-2030 on 6225; is it also renegade? (gh,

WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

** JAPAN. Hearing TP signals on MW here in Colorado with nice peaks, especially from the Japan stations on 774, 747, and 693, in parallel (NHK-2) with English language lessons from 1200 to 1300 UT (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Sept 23, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

[and non]. John Wilkins' capture in Colorado before sunrise of NHK on MW 774 prompted me to try for this one again, as last year it also made it to OK. Sept 25 at 1152 UT I do detect a carrier on 774 from the NW, which is surely JOUB, Akita-2, 500 kW.

Close to KSPI Stillwater OK, with its spurs on 774 and 786, we have to be careful! But the Sept sign-on for this daytimer is 1215 UT and it has no PSSA, per NRC AM Log; in October it will be *1230.

On the DX-398 set to 9 kHz, I stepped thru the entire MW band with BFO on and could only detect one other TP carrier, on 1098, which everyone assumes is V7AB, Majuro, MARSHALL ISLANDS, 25 kW, leaving its carrier on all-night after 1130 sign-off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 9595, R. Nikkei-1, 0830-0900, September 25. For those attempting to QSL this station, this Saturday only program of "Let's Read the Nikkei Weekly" provides a good opportunity to obtain program details in English; presented by Noriko Tada (in Japanese), Gregory Clark (in English and Japanese) and Jeffrey Swiggum (in English); segments "Gregory Clark's Choices", iYou the Listenerî, etc.; primarily dealing with economic issues related to the government's support of the yen; promos for Eiken language testing; ending with: iThis program has been presented by the Society for Testing English Proficiency, Inc.î; // 3925 & 6055. <http://www.radionikkei.jp/LR/> (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. Newsline or not? Holly, I wonder what's going on with NHK Newsline? It was replaced by something else on Monday, and again today Thursday, another repeat of OK Horizon. Yet I see NHK still on the schedule for 11 am Friday.

While their English leaves something to be desired and daily updates on the sumo tournament are hardly of interest, the rest of it is useful, and I hope you keep running it every weekday. Regards, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, to OETA via DXLD)

NEWSLINE didn't feed on these days due to Japanese holidays (Holly Emig, OETA, via DXLD)

Holly, Tnx; that explanation never occurred to me. Seems NHK aren't too serious about bringing news and weather to the world, no matter what (Glenn to Holly, *ibid.*) But then OETA's Oklahoma News Report, normally M-F only, also takes some US and OK holidays off (gh)

** JORDAN. 11960, Jordan Radio Amman from Al Karanah site in Arabic noted on air this morning Sept 28 when turning-on my Eton E1 set at 0400 UT, signal S=3 very weak condition, just above threshold, could identify Arabic language, at still local dark in Germany. At 0409 UT increased reception, signal up to S=6 strength, from 0425 UT on S=7-9 level. TRT «akirlar in Turkish on nearby 11980 kHz was much, much stronger, like S=9+20dB.

Arabic music til 04.59:58* UT, when TX at Al Karanah site switched off midst on music broadcast (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 28 via dxldyg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 6071, NORTH KOREA, Voice of Korea. 0910-0915 September 25, 2010. Presumed the one, fair signal but weak modulation with male in Japanese (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CANADA: CFRX

** KOREA NORTH. Hello! Has anyone here in the US been receiving North Korea (Voice of Korea) here in the US? If so, please let me know, and give time and frequency. Thanks! (Matt, New York, Sept 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOK English is heard here in CNAm, best at 1300 on 9335 and 11710; 0100 on 15180, 13760. Reception varies greatly, so keep trying. 9335 has co-channel from R. Free Asia via Tinian in Burmese. Probably harder to hear VOK in ENAm than here in CNAm and certainly WNA (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

Thank you for the help, gentlemen! I'll give 11710 a try each morning this week and let you know how I make out. I'm near Buffalo, so at least I'm about as far west as you can get in New York, but it will be a long haul.

There used to be a few people who would record the broadcasts from the VOK and then place them online for download/listening. Do you know if anyone still does this? Thanks! (Matt, *ibid.*) No

Heard the Voice of Korea(r) very well today (Sep 25) on 15180 at 0100. // 13760 was barely audible, and 19m much better than the transmission I'm listening to now (1300 on 9335 -- // 11710 unreadable due to QRM). Hope this helps, Matt, and 73 de (Anne, also near Buffalo NY, Fanelli, Sept 25, *ibid.*)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. JAPAN, 6135, Shiokaze, *1400-1430* Sep 25. Usual talks, this day [Sat] in Korean; noted next day (26 Sep [Sun]) in Japanese. Good signal (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. COLUMNIST SAYS RADIO FREE ASIA KOREAN "IS FACING AN IMMEDIATE BUDGET CUT." Posted: 29 Sep 2010

Wall Street Journal, 26 Sept 2010, Christian Whiton: "A political warfare strategy also would involve empowering North Korean people. In a closed society like North Korea, the best way to do this is by giving them access to information. Broadcasts into North Korea help undermine Pyongyang's censorship, inspire North Koreans, and increasingly provide information to the outside world about the North. Unfortunately, Radio Free Asia's Korean service is facing an immediate budget cut, and a large reduction in transmission funding is expected for next year. More critically, the State Department cut off new funding for Free North Korea Radio, whose network and defector-led broadcasts are perhaps the most effective of all."
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- This is the first I have heard of any budget cut for RFA Korean. Given the present importance of North Korea to US foreign policy, I would be surprised if such a plan exists. RFA and VOA (unmentioned) each broadcast in Korean five hours a day, not concurrently, for a total of ten hours USIB output per day. Any expansion would get into sleeping or working hours in North Korea. Is Free North Korea Radio funded by the State Department, or by the National Endowment for Democracy? (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

** KOREA SOUTH. Russian on 1566 kHz at 1835 UT. Is this HLAZ?
73 (Steve Whitt, UK, Sept 26, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Yes, Steve, it is. The program is called Radio Teos. BTW - they have English Lessons from 1730 UT with Yankee Doodle at the beginning that made someone confused believing that they were listening to VoA :-)
(Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, *ibid.*)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11530, V. of Mesopotamia, Sept 24 at 1333, fair with Kurdish music, flutter to S9+12 peaks, 1343 featuring rapid ululations, heard past 1356, during the Friday-morning-feast of folk music from several stations, but I favored this one over NZ's Maori music on better 6170, Bulgaria on 15700, and Indonesia's pop on 9526-.

This season, WYFR has wisely quit using 11530 after 0845, leaving Denge Mezopotamya in the clear, currently scheduled 0400-1600 per Aoki via Mykolaiv (Nikolayev), UKRAINE. It seems the PKK ``terrorists`` with legal problems in Denmark HQ vs their Roj TV, have had no problem

keeping the radio broadcasts going tnx to the collaboration of TDP in Belgium (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT [and non]. 21540, R. Kuwait putting in a fine S9+18 signal, Sept 23 at 1356 with drama in Arabic; too bad they did not pick a clear frequency as REE Spain QRM audible under; its // frequencies 21540 and 21610 rated S9+10 all by themselves, so does that also account for 10 of the 18 dB registering on 21540? It doesn't work that way.

By 1440, RK was in Qur'an, cantor with an especially beautiful voice; I suppose it's vesper time in Kuwait. Now the SAH from Spain is worse, estimated around 11 Hz. 21540 is still the SS0B at S9+15, greater than only S9+12 from Libya on 21695 which also has crummy muffled lofi audio by comparison, not to mention soporific content. 1444 brief Arabic spoken, and over to a different chanter.

So on 21540 we have moros vs cristianos; I wonder how this goes over in Córdoba? Probably way over, that is Noblejas inaudible in skip zone, just Kuwait.

Am beginning to wonder if the North American services of R. Kuwait are ever going to be well-heard again as they were for much of the summer. Was standing by on 17550 Sept 24 before 2030 as VOA-French, VG via Bonaire was about to close, but in its absence there was only a JBA carrier from Kuwait's Arabic to C&W NAM. Then checking Kuwait's English to Eu & NAM on 15540, only slightly better to very poor level and still insufficient, unusable. We can only hope for an October-bump. AFAIK, they plan to use the same frequencies in B-10.

Altho broadcasts in our afternoon on 15540 and 17750 are no longer making it here from R. Kuwait, mornings on 21540 can be productive, but no English. Sept 27 at 1438, Arabic chanting unseems Qur'an, lo-fi like over a phone line. It's virtually the OS0B, besides traces of Spain 21570 and Saudi 21505, but certainly the SS0B.

[15540 a little better at 2030 Sept 29, not 17550] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. Re 10-38: Hi Glenn. To clarify, my log of Sam Neua, was 15 September, not the 10th. Not sure how both dates got listed but I have had problems getting my word processor and email to cooperate. Sorry for the confusion (David Sharp, NSW Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. 7145, Lao National Radio. Rather disappointing that their most recent reactivation only lasted for two weeks; off the air September 23-24-25-26; not heard during the 1200 to 1400* time

period.

7145, Lao National Radio continues to be off the air here as of Sept 29 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010 (carrier+usb) R. Madagasikara, Ambohidrano, 1842-1909, 24 Sep'10, Malagasy, light songs, announcements prior to 1900, news (presumed); 35342. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010.01, Radio Madagasikira, 0224-0235, Sept 26, reduced carrier USB. Tune-in to local choral music. Short 30 second IS at 0226 and into National Anthem. Malagasy talk at 0228. Local music. Afro-pop music. Fair signal. On the air earlier than usual. IS and National Anthem usually closer to 0300 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MADAGASCAR [and non]. GOOD NEWS FOR ALL [Madagascar World Voice]
<http://www.worldchristian.org/>

Sometime in 2010, World Christian Broadcasting hopes to inaugurate a new station in Madagascar. From three new transmitters, we will air daily shortwave broadcasts into Africa, the Mid-East, India, South America, and the western sections of Russia and China not well served by our present coverage from Anchor Point, Alaska.

The operative word in that last paragraph is *ishortwave*. Only through the miracle of shortwave transmission can one station even think about broadcasting all the way from South America to India.

What an interesting time this is for broadcasting by shortwave! Some long-time shortwave broadcasters are closing their doors, preferring to distribute their messages via Internet. World Christian Broadcasting applauds the incredible potential of the Internet. Each of our language services maintains a website. At present, we are receiving over four million hits annually.

But what about areas of the world not served by Internet? An article in the August 12, 2010, issue of The Economist reviews the problem. For all the Internet's popularity and rapid growth, in many parts of the world it remains patchy and unpredictable. In a country like Kenya, for instance, Internet penetration is only 10%.

Erik Betterman, head of Deutsche Welle, at one time a major shortwave broadcaster, admits that his station has given up on large numbers of people in the developing world, in favor of concentrating on *informed urban elites* via Internet. This may be a smart business move, but from the standpoint of a ministry whose mission is to reach the world

with the gospel of Jesus Christ, this easy way out is not an option. Jesus' last word to his followers was to take the gospel into the whole world . . . not just the world of the informed urban elites. In today's world, taking the gospel to the entire world must include the only world-wide communication available: shortwave radio transmission (World Christian Broadcasting via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

** MALAYSIA [and non]. 6049.62, Asyik FM (Presumed), 1311-1334 Sep 21. Back on the air after being off for several days. Fair signal with regional vocal music and no announcements until 1329, when YL spoke for a few minutes, then back to music. Weak by 1400 but did note the usual 1+1 pips, followed by what sounded like Kor'an programming, presumably Suara Islam program.

Fair/good signals on Sep 22 from the Malaysians: 5030.02 (good), 5964.92 (good), 6049.92 (fair), 7295 (good), 7270.01 (good). Likewise, the Indonesians, especially 3995.03 and 4749.95 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA [and non]. 6175, no het against CNR1, Sept 25 at 1138, so VOM must be off; especially since the much weaker transmitter on 6049.6 managed to het HCJB in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not exactly:

RTM/VOM-6174.5 is back on 6175 (if not .00, then pretty close, no rumble noted on the E1). Was apparently off on the 24th (as was 9750), & heard about = to CNR1-6175 on the 25th & 26th during RTM's Radio Suara Islam program at 1405+. Even 9750 was almost = to NHK. (using the workhorse E1 & an "extremely ridiculous 22m wire" while dog / chicken-sitting over the weekend) 73 (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Seems RTM is currently working on their various transmitters. Asyik FM and R. Suara Islam were off the air for several weeks from 6049.6. When they returned on Sept. 21 the audio was not perfect, but seems they have it adjusted now.

Glenn first noticed on Sept 25 there no longer was a het produced by VOM being off frequency with CNR1 on 6175. As of Sept 27, I was still not hearing a het. Have just learned from Dan Sheedy that the reason is that Malaysia has moved up to 6175.0 (ex: 6174.4). Probably I was not paying enough attention to catch them both mixing together. So an adjustment has been made to the transmitter (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6175, Sept 27 at 1206, Chinese from CNR1 atop fast subaudible

heterodyne, but no audible heterodyne from V. of Malaysia, 6174.4. I previously assumed VOM was off, but Dan Sheedy points out that VOM is back on-frequency, as confirmed by Ron Howard. Is it in English at 12-14 on 6175 as Aoki alleges? Don't think so; WRTH says Indonesian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, From my past observations, believe the VOM website is correct <http://www.vom.com.my/JADUALSIARAN/tabid/3217/Default.aspx>

1200 to 1400 in Bahasa Indonesia.

1400 to 1600 in Malaysian, with Suara Islam program.

At 1600 they usually run the iSalam FM programming as filler till they go off the air, which happens anytime from 1601 to 1630 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Sept 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 9635, R. Mali, Kati, 1519-..., 24 Sep'10, Arabic, Koran (presumed) program, jingle and right into African pops; 45343, but very weak modulation, only slightly better during music. 73, (Carlos Gonalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Found this on a Mexican Government website:

http://www.cofetel.gob.mx/work/models/Cofetel_2008/Resource/734/INFRA_AM_JUN10.pdf

Lists of FM and TV as well as the link above can be found here:

http://www.cofetel.gob.mx/en/Cofetel_2008/Cofe_infraestructura
(John J;') Kugellagers, Sep 23, mwdx yg via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 730, M...XICO unidentified. *1000-1005 September 25, 2010. Tune-in to male "XE--" into choral XE anthem from 1001. Presume sign-on, (vs. the required anthem play at current 1100). Mixing with Progreso.

930, M...XICO, XEU, La U de Veracruz, Veracruz. 1115-1117 September 25, 2010. Good in passing with ad string, "XEU... 25 de setiembre" by male announcer (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. I happened to read a Wikipedia entry on one of the border blaster Mexican stations formerly called XELO (now XEROK). It was a 150 kW output AM on 800 kHz built by William "Bill" Branch. The original transmitter which was built and designed by him and which eventually killed him used six 892R tubes in its finals and was used from 1941 to 1971. Very interesting reading:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XEROK-AM>

(Bob Young, Analog, MA, KB1OKL, 26 Sept, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Bob: There are some errors in that XELO (later XEROK) writeup.

The *driver* used six 892 tubes, with a plate dissipation rating of 10 kw each. Power in to the driver was 90 kw, its output to the final amplifier was 30 kw. The power dissipated in the driver was 60 kw total. This was a plain old linear just as would be used by a ham radio guy.

The finals were operated as a Doherty. I can't recall the tubes used but they were much bigger than the 892Rs. FYI the modulation was done at the 1 kw level using a Heising modulator. And more FYI the oscillator was an 807. - (Jim Tonne, TN, *ibid.*)

I remember the programming was hosted by an older woman who called herself Cousin Billie. The turntable, needle, etc. all talked and had names. Cousin Billie would read the names and cities of all the people who had written the station, promising to send them an "antenna topper", some kind of promotional doodad that fit on a car's radio antenna. When XELO became XEROK in November or December of 1972, these things ended (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, *ibid.*)

Bob and all: What I wrote about the old XELO is about it. Well, not quite all.

I suggest reading that Wikipedia note first. Then I can tell you I was in that group that toured the station. I was by then already getting versed in broadcast and had been licensed as a ham for a few years. So I was kind of primed to see stuff from a technical viewpoint.

Like the whine you could hear on the air. Way down, probably 40 or 50 dB below full modulation but if you waited for a quiet period and perhaps tuned off to the side of the station a bit you could hear it easily. About 3 kc or so.

On the tour, as soon as the fellow opened the door and let us in, the 'whine' source was evident. It was from the motor-generator set they used to light the final amplifier filaments.

We asked the fellow there if they had run a proof of performance. He smiled and shook his head and said no. Asked why, he said they were afraid of the awful numbers it would reveal!

The Wikipedia writeup says that we were told to keep our hands in our pockets. That was a kind of editorial privilege by the author. The fellow who designed and built the rig got electrocuted by leaning against a plate current meter during the initial tuneup. All such things had long since been fixed. The entire rig was behind a fence

of very heavy wire. You could easily see through it but that's about all. Very sturdy. Totally safe. This is a common method of constructing this kind of high-power stuff even nowadays, especially one-shot rigs like that XELO rig.

I wonder what happened to that homebrew rig when it was replaced by a commercial unit of the same power level. I wouldn't be at all surprised to hear that it was simply parted out to the local hams and junk dealers. Maybe museums (the big tubes).

The transmitter was located as I remember about 25 miles southeast of Juarez. Right across the Rio Grande from Clint, Texas. And Clint was used for their mail. I can almost hear it now, "Just send your offering to Reverend Jones, Clint, Texas."

Similar to the XERF spots. Didn't they use Del Rio, Texas as their mail address? - (Jim Tonne, Oak Ridge TN, *ibid.*)

** MEXICO. 6009.959, XEOI Radio Mil 9/23 0820 Spanish language music, ID at 0831 (Ralph Brandi, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

I haven't bothered to log it recently, but usually in the clear with poor-fair signal around 12-13 UT. A gradual improvement in signal/noise as fall progresses (gh, OK, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, MEXICO, Radio Educaci n, M xico DF. 0915-0925 Sept 25, 2010. Haven't heard this one in a little while on shortwave, but here today and excellent with middle-eastern flute / percussion instrumental, into Spanish campesino ballad. Parallel 1060 MW (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 6185, XEPPM, Sept 25 at 1047 loud and clear with ``M xico, M xico`` paeansong, much better than RNV/Cuba 6180, and at this hour no QRM from Bras lia. R. Educaci n still going with more music at 1102 past nominal summer sign-off; at 1136 check, with NHK Russian inbooming on 6185 far beyond its target, no trace of XE underneath, so presumably did go off in meantime.

6185, XEPPM, Sept 26 at 0625 good with ``Sandunga`` and then a marimba tune, nice music, and NO co-channel QRM from Bras lia, which normally happens on UT Sundays overnight. Reports from Brasil say RNA has been completely missing from 6185 lately. It was however, inbooming on 11780 when checked at 0626; see BRAZIL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Mexican racism on display to the world (are they self-reflective enough even to realize it?), Sept 27 at 0500-0700 UT as

Univisi n was replaying the ``Nuestra Belleza`` pageant from Saltillo, equivalent of Miss America, with a contestant from each state, originally on Televisa.

I watched their initial introductory parade. They are all tall and slim, heights ranging from 1.7 to 1.82 m, and leggy but not busty; the show hostess, Marisol Gonz lez, showed a lot more cleavage than any of the contestants; is that fair?

So now we know what makes for ``ideal beauty`` in Mexico. None had what could be called Indigenous features; possibly a touch of mestiza here and there. All light-skinned, not a single African-Mexican, godforbid. A couple had some tan, but that's it. Even more astounding, not a single blonde! Various shades of brown, a few with jet black hair, many tints to auburn/reddish, and one was redhead with blue eyes. Some of the brunettes had recessive bluish eyes, unless contacts are not banned.

Normally there would have been extreme pressure to break out the bleach, so perhaps this contest had a rule against it? Elsewhere on Mexican TV, e.g. novelas and news anchorettes, ``blondes`` abound. Believe it or not, there are some authentic blondes in Mexico, tnx immigration from northern Europe (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, I previously made a similar commentary

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 9650, 1300 CRI English via CANADA, continues to suffer heavy co-channel QRM from R. Netherlands, Dutch via IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES, which despite being aimed 200 degrees puts a hefty signal into CNAm; I haven't kept reporting it, as it is the normal situation, pointless, and no one at any of the stations cares enough to avoid it.

Previously, since the Dutch ends at 1327, the last three minutes would switch to RNW English, instead of turning off the transmitter. But Sept 28 at 1328 I am hearing Indonesian instead, presumably another unintentional feed from Hilversum. Audio stops at 1330 and carrier off at 1331* after which CRI is finally in the clear, in time for Media Scan segment in China Drive, minus George Wood. While on, the two were also producing a hefty subaudible heterodyne, indicating near-equivalent signal levels (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 9615. RNZI, Rangitaiki, 1902-1910, 24 Sep'10, news; 42431, adjacent QRM de Family R on 9610 & CRI on 9620. 73, (Carlos Gon alves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9615, 26/9 1905, Radio New Zealand International, English, reports, QRM from CRI 9620 kHz and Family Radio on 9610 kHz. Poor to Fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Drake R8; Yaesu FRG-7; AOR 7030 - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Adrian, It happened again today UT Sept 17: DRM on 7440 at 1355. Are you still saying it is not RNZI? Have you found out who was doing it previously? 73, (Glenn Hauser, to Adrian Sainsbury, RNZI, via DXLD)

Whoops, I have not replied to this. Yes, that was RNZI this time. The DRM transmitter developed a fault at 0645 UT, off air until 1100. TX then on for test purposes, until normal schedule start time. We have no explanation for your previous enquiry. 73, (Adrian Sainsbury, Sept 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DRM vs AM IBOC --- Well, if this is any indication, DRM blows IBOC away. Other than a few fleeting seconds of audio from KMOX and others, I haven't been able to listen to a distant IBOC broadcast on AM.

Well, right now on 11675 shortwave [0522 UT Sept 28], I am listening to RNZI in DRM on the Perseus in DRM mode with Dream software. Signal does have a lot of dropouts (when SNR < 15.5 dB), but otherwise I can actually listen to it. Audio is 24 kHz AAC mono. Not bad for 8,500 miles (but I still prefer the analogue! The dropouts are super-annoying. Still don't think that digital is good on MW/SW...but IBOC is really sad vs. DRM). Then again, SW has a lot less QRM, so who knows how well DRM does on MW vs. IBOC. wrh ñ (William R Hepburn (VEM30NT22), Grimsby ON CAN 43 10 59.4 -79 33 34.5 <http://dxinfocentre.com/hepburn/> WTFDA-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

You don't have to use DRM to get dropouts! See INDONESIA (gh)

** NICARAGUA. 720, Radio Católica, Managua. 1100-1106 September 25, 2010. Tune-in to convenient ID by female, "Radio Católica. Desde Managua, Nicaragua." Into soft Christian male vocal. Female announcer back at 1105 with mention of Jinotega (city of), "Radio Católica, Nicaragua" at 1106, into ranchera-ish vocal with accordion. Good with no Mexican getting in the way.

920, Radio Mundial, Managua. 1108-1115 September 25, 2010. Nonstop chatter by man with mention of "Nicaragense" and "Nicaragua" at 1108; "Managua" at 1110 and 1111; finally a "Radio Mundial" at 1114. Fading down by tune-out. First log of this one for me (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Greetings folks! The Crystal Ship is going on the air tonight, starting around 0110 UT, on 5385 kHz AM. Programming as advertised will be "That awful seventies station" (T.A.S.S.)! (so to speak) Cheers! (John Poet, The Crystal Ship, 0106 UT Sept 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST via dxldyg)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. Pigs Fly! Local KFAQ-1170 noted OFF, 2255 CDT 29SEP10! (Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx for the quick tip, Bruce. Around 0405 UT Sept 30 quite a jumble there, and nice to have the IBOC off too. But now there is some IBOC QRM from KSL when aiming E/W. Two Spanish speakers, one with music, one with talk, when that is nulled. 0420 check, KFAQ is back on but weak, and easily nulled. Must be backup transmitter, and still no IBOC (Glenn Hauser, Enid, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1140, KRMP in OKC, Sept 27 at 1927 UT tuneacross, heard them referring to ``The Old School Station``, i.e. a certain genre of R&B, I think, previously heard applied to 1680 Monroe LA, et al. This was amid a black-accented talkshow, by Michael somebody, mentioning that ``Poetry Monday`` was coming up in following hour. Program schedule at <http://www.thetouch1140.com/shows.html> displays: M-F 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. [UT -5] The Micheal [sic] Baisden Show

Logo still shows ``The Touch``, and slogan ``The Best Variety of Hits & Oldies``, even tho it's mostly talk programming; nothing about Old School. I never heard ``The Touch`` mentioned, but did not listen long.

All day Sunday is devoted to Rev. gospel huxters on this daytimer, with a few elsewhen. I see in the NRC AM Log, KRMP is listed as \$ = AM stereo, presumably CQUAM. Must dust off and try that on my only such receiver sometime.

1290, Sept 27 at 1930, testosterone replacement ad with phone in Wichita Falls TX during Sean Hannity show, no doubt something his listeners sorely need; so KWFS, fair signal aside 1280 KSOK music on caradio in a west Enid parking lot hotspot. KWFS also gets into OKC quite well.

KMMM Pratt KS, also on 1290, is twice as close, but unheard since it beams west, per NRC Pattern Book, while KWFS is non-direxional, the only remaining Wichita Falls AM station after both 620 and 990 were hijacked to The Metroplex (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1580, KOKB Blackwell has managed to modulate whenever checked in the daytime this week; are the long hours of open carrier a past-thing? We'll see, this weekend. (It is modulating at 1628 Sat Sept 25). Back Sept 24 at 2055 UT they were promoting four different high-school football games Friday night at 7:15 CDT, not only on 1580, 1020 KOKP Perry, 105.1 KOSB Stillwater, but also on 99.3 KLOR Ponca City --- so is it now Quadruple-Play Radio? Website is still

<http://www.tripleplaysportsradio.com/> but a player for KLOR has been added. Not clear whether that station is now owned by TPSR or some other deal (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also JAPAN [and non]

** OKLAHOMA. 3450-, Sept 23 at 1152, the ``OK`` HIFER beacon is well audible slightly on the lo side, nothing but CW ID several times per minute. This is allegedly in Oklahoma, perhaps not far from me, running a fraxion of a watt. See http://www.highfrequencybeaconsociety.com/The_Societies_Beacons.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. New frequency for the GCN pirate in Enid, 99.7 ex 99.9. I'm sure I heard it only a few days ago on 99.9, but encountered Sept 27 at 1936 UT on 99.7 with usual Alex Jones show, at the moment playing a clip in North Korean.

The pirate operators at Northwest Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc., <http://www.w4uvh.net/genid6.jpg> [plus 5 previous shots] must have found just as I did, that KTCS 99.9 in faraway Fort Smith AR was just too much QRM. AAMOF, KTCS was incoming just fine at the same time despite being mid-afternoon, slogan as ``KT Country``.

Now on 99.7 it blox KZLS Mustang-OKC, the former spot of KXLS/KNID, a legal station in Enid-Alva. Will Chisholm Trail Broadcasting, which still owns KZLS and can no longer hear it back at Enid HQ, set the feds on NWP&M now?

GCN FM pirate in Enid, originally on 99.9, but which I caught on 99.7 instead Sept 27, was back on 99.9 Sept 28 at 1820 check with Alex Jones. How great it must be to have the flexibility to change frequencies at will, no paperwork, no red tape --- except eventual NAL for \$10,000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. For the benefit of Dr Elving, I did an FM bandscan at 1940-1944 UT Sept 27, paying attention to the stereo pilot icon on the display, which shows up even when signals are too weak to really sound stereo. The only ones failing to do so and therefore transmitting in mono were:

105.1, KOSB Perry-Stillwater, sportstalk, parent station of 1020, 1580. FM Atlas XXI claims it is \$tereo, format as o-ladies, but both those have obviously changed, now part of tripleplaysports.

99.7 [today; see above], GCN pirate, Enid

97.7, ``WECS``, Emmanuel Christian School, Enid, part 15 kidloop

91.7, KOSU Stillwater, during Here & Now. KOSU is one of few stations which turn off stereo during talk programming, even some NPR shows which do have stereo sounders. It's back on during music shows.

This is something I did assiduously when operating KOSU, and later, WUOT, but back then the talkshows were really totally mono; and I am glad that the habit has long survived my tenure. That of course, improves effective coverage area when there is really nothing to be gained by reducing it in order to broadcast in stereo.

Woe betide any station doing this vs receivers which automatically mute anything not in stereo, which was an argument for leaving 'stereo' on all the time. Is that ever the case any more?

90.3, KHEV Fairview OK, really a satellite of KHYM 103.9 gospel huxter in Kansas. I wonder if it and/or other relays are also mono. FM Atlas XXI shows KHEV as stereo, an unwarranted assumption or was there some such evidence previously?

Back to real stereo stations:

88.7, KLVV Ponca City OK, normally a semi-local here, Sept 27 at 1938 UT had CCI from another gospel huxter, one of them giving a phone number 620-225-1278, which is Dodge City KS, ergo KVDC.

105.9, a station fading in and out, Sept 27 at 1945 UT with rock in stereo, 1950 old disco hit ``My Obsession``; 1953 plug for ``27 News on Laser 105-9 in Northeast Kansas``, i.e. KLZR, Lawrence-Topeka, 200 mile range at midafternoon on caradio with whip at ground level from a west Enid parking lot. Vance pilot training planes frequently overflying helped. Also managed to hold it as I resumed driving.

I don't get it, why FM stations would call themselves Laser-something, as laser frequencies are nowhere near the FM band; and there are also a lot of them in Mexico, but do they pronounce Laser as in English or Spanish? It is a quintessentially English acronym (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Bill Hepburn's tropo maps showed enhancement to the east on the morning of Sept 25, and so there was. Rechecked at 1418 UT, the public TV station KRSC in Claremore OK, RF 36:

DTV 35-1 is labeled KRSC-SD, while

DTV 35-2 is labeled KRSC-HD. At 1418 both were running animation, hardly needing HD. Strangely, both are set so ``the aspect ratio cannot be changed``. The SD has letterboxing, the HD does not. Is something screwy here? (I do not have any real HD display capability.)

Still in at 1559, with a ``My Source`` promo. So isolated here, I had

assumed that campaign was exclusive to competing OETA. Is it on every PBS station?

Several of the Tulsa UHF DTVs were in plus KOED RF 11, but no signal bar at all on RF 45, KOTV. Some signals from Wichita too at almost right angles, but no RF 45 signal bar from that direxion either, KSNW. I am beginning to suspect that both these do put in strong enough signals, at the same time, canceling each other out as far as the DTV converter is concerned. See also USA for a non-OK log.

BTW, KWTW OKC, as of Sept 25, is STILL running the NO PROGRAMMING slide on RF9 as it has been the entire month of September, as OldKWTW, while its programming continues on RF39 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Hello Glenn: Some advice if possible Tonight was a good night on 19 meters. At 0130, during a bandscan, I came upon unID talk on 15490; at 0137 there was a brief unaccompanied song; then back to a long talk by a man; this was in a calm, conversational tone; at 0147 into Koran chanting; much harder to copy by 0154; still audible at 0200 but no TS; nearly gone by 0202; I think -- but am not sure -- that the carrier was off at 0215.

Aoki and the other lists indicate that this is R. Pakistan in Urdu with no other possible stations on this frequency at this time. I've seen no recent reports of this. If this was R. Pakistan it was the first time I've heard that station since I was in England some years ago. What do you think? I'd much appreciate any thoughts you might have. Thanks again (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, UT Sept 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jim, I wasn't monitoring this evening to compare conditions, but I'd say it is quite possible. It has been reported as active unlike some Pakistani listings:

``** PAKISTAN. 15490, R. Pakistan, Aug 03, 0034-0050, 35433, Urdu, 15490, R. Pakistan, Aug 08, 0042-0052, 35433, Urdu, Talk, 0044 IS, Opening announce, Koran (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Aug 13 via DXLD)``

I think I saw a more recent report, maybe also from Japan, but did not copy it. 73, (Glenn to Jim, via DXLD)

15490, R. Pakistan-Islamabad, 0130, 9/23/10. Poor with long talk by man in Urdu [listed]; Koran chanting at 0147 and return to talk by same man at 0152; no TS at 0200; audio beginning to fade by 0210; carrier and traces of audio off at 0215 as per sked.

This was an exceptionally good evening on 19 meters with CRI-Beijing 15125; RFA-Tinian 15225; R. Australia-Shepparton 15240; BBC-Thailand 15360; VOR-Petropavlovsk 15425 all in the same 0100-0230 time period. I logged Pakistan in English fairly often while in the UK but this is a first time log here in OK. Thanks to Glenn Hauser for extra help with this (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, NRD-545; R-75 +PAR-SWL and FlexMLB, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 5960, Radio Fly noted off the air this morning (23 Sept) around 12-13 UT. Have not heard 3915 for several days (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3905, R. New Ireland, 1247-1305+ Sep 22. M&W hosting program of island vocals; the gal spoke in English, and the man in Pidgin, I think; 1300 English news by man; at 1306 address and telephone number given by YL; Kavieng is pronounced "Kay-vee-eng". Good signal (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 80-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** PERU. 4747, R. Huanta 2000, Huanta, 2227-2242, 24 Sep'10, Castilian / Quechua, advertisements, full ID and frequency list, including the one via satellite, children singing, talks; 35343. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4746.92, Huanta Dos Mil, 1113, good with huaynos and upbeat male DJ. Strong enough to hold it's own against 4750. 10 September.

4789.94, Radio VisiÚn, 0832, weak with religious talk by a man; some CODAR QRM. Fak-Fak not on. 10 September.

4826.54, Radio Sicuani, 1120, seemingly all alone (no usual het from LV de la Selva, lowside) with mensajes by a man, local time check and references. 10 September.

5039.202, Radio Libertad, 1057, Spanish, good despite CODAR; mensajes by man, local references and ID over local music bed. 10 September.

5120.40, R. Ondas del Suroriente, 1105, Spanish, excited reverb talk by man, possibly ads, ment of "Quillabamba" and into huaynos. 10 September (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4824.5, LVS DIGITAL, Iquitos, 0020-0042 Sept. 25. M'sica tropical y reggaetÚn. "...ella es...la m's reclamada... todos se rinden ante ella, en LVS presentamos, La elegida de la semana..." promo concurso "LVS elige bien" [LVS meant La Voz de la Selva, still?]

4857.3, RADIO LA HORA, Cusco, Per'. 2336-0001* Sept. 24. Música folclórica. Anuncios de Jesús Blas, Bionaturista. Al dar la hora "...Radio La Hora... 1400 amplitud modulada... 6 y 56 minutos..." Fuera del aire sin cierre a las 0001*.

4987, RADIO MANANTIAL. Huancayo. 0122-0130 sept. 25. Predicación en vivo. Cada tanto ID: "...Radio Manantial desde la ciudad de Huanta, Per'..."

5921.3, RADIO BETHEL. Arequipa, Per'. 1034-1050 sept. 26. pgm: Tesoros escondidos. Mencionan emisoras en FM de otras ciudades. "...una señal que te guía... Bethel, frecuencia Celestial..." (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i e Hilo de 15 metros, visite: <http://dxdesdecolumbia.blogspot.com/> via Yimber Gaviria, Sept 27, DXLD)

** PERU. 6019.41, Radio Victoria, 2330-2345 Sept 23, This evening noted Radio Victoria on 6019.41 kHz without any nearby QRM at least for a few minutes. Heard a male in steady Spanish language comments for a while. The first gent is joined by another male and female. Signal was fair to poor (Chuck Bolland, WR G31DDC, 26.37N 081.05W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Big het on China/Canada 6020.0 around 0530 Sept 29 (gh, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 9395, 26/9 1816, Radio Pilipinas, // 15190 in Pilipino not in English as reported by EIBI. Fair.

15190, 26/9 1814, Radio Pilipinas, songs, talks in Pilipino not in English as reported by EIBI, fair // 9395 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Drake R8; Yaesu FRG-7; AOR 7030 - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The 1730-1930 transmission is nominally in Pilipino, as such in WRTH. Some time ago we got a program schedule and several of the program titles were in English, reasonably leading one to believe that at least part of the bihour is in English --- but in the Philippine context, not necessarily (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUERTO RICO. Puerto Rico back on 1660: DXmidAmerica reports:- 1660 WGIT*PR Canovanas SS: Tropical, was silent (Barry :-) Davies, UK, Sept 24, MWC yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Re 10-38, also MONGOLIA: Last night I checked on the radio Rossii signal on 225 kHz. Also heard R Rossii on a timeshifted programme on 216 kHz, which is in // 6085 kHz, both listed as Krasnoyarsk (4002 km from me). Audio on 216 and 6085 are synchronous.

R Rossii on 225 had very clear lengthy ID and website promo at 2320 UT

last night. Rossii on 225 is listed as Surgut which is somewhat less distant, whilst Altay in Mongolia on 227 kHz checks in at 5906 km from me. 73s (Steve Whitt, UK, Sept 22, MWC yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. B-10 registration. 2000-1600 UT zones 23, 24, YAKUTSK, 311010-260311 RRS GFC
6150 50 330 0 101
7140 20 245 0 146
7200 100 0 0 925
7230 100 300 0 103
7410 100 0 0 925
7440 20 245 0 146 (Sei-ichi Hasegawa, Japan, NDXCircle via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 23 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. UNID harmonic/spur on 10939 kHz, with programming in a Slavic language, probably Russian. Possibly Radio Rossii, but too weak to tell for sure. Heard 27 Sep 2010, from 1930 UT (Rik van Riel - New Hampshire, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

Re: 10939 kHz. My cent on this matter: '9' digit unit column reminds me of various similar discussions with IARU ham radio intruder alert and German frequency measuring direction finding station in the past, on 7.0 to 7.2 MHz intruder matter, i.e. 7009 kHz.

Seemingly Armavir Tbilisskaya / Oktyabrskoye (Krasnodar Kray, Russia, Caucasus foreground) matter of 1089 kHz 1200 kW 197 m mast outlet, set up some intermodulations with shortwave 5.92 MHz and others also.

1089 plus 9850 kHz (YFR - Aoki shows entry from June 6th, 2010 onwards) = 10939 kHz

9850 1900-2100 to zones 17,18,27 ARM 100kW 325degrees

45 27'49.20"N 40 05'43.44"E MW mast, 1200 kW, 197 m mast
SW dipol mast carry 8 x 8 rows giant dipol curtain
<http://commondatastorage.googleapis.com/static.panoramio.com/photos/original/32822899.jpg>
<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/32516838>

73 wb df5sx <<http://topnews.wwdxc.de>> (Wolfgang B,schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. The VOR Pashto/Dari service on 15510 via ``Krasnodar`` at 12-14 can provide some fine exotic music, if not from an exotic place; signal especially good Sept 23 at 1352, then switching to the theme from ``Love Story`` at 1357, which I think I have heard them playing at same time before, rather off-topic. 1358 Pashto announcement spelling out website with English letters, VOR IS,

and at 1359 overlapping with DW about to overtake the channel for Russian via Rampisham. I also heard a few words of Chinese, could not tell from which station, in a switching error! VOR carrier stayed on a few sec past 1400, with its constant hum, then DW in the clear (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA. Enviada: Saturday, September 11, 2010 6:37 PM
Respuesta: Tue, September 28, 2010 4:21:25 AM

Saludos Amigos, Un breve respuesta de Radio Santa Helena...
73 de Yimber.

Hi Yimber, Thanks for your well wishes. It is nice to know that so many people care. Hopefully we will have things going for next year. All the very best (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 11780, BSKSA, Holy Qur'an in Arabic, s/on at 0957 after close/down on 9715 at 0956 but on both frequencies with buzzing. 5/9 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SIERRA LEONE [non]. 15220, Cotton Tree News via Rampisham. Good strength but noisy signal of excited conversation between two (or more?) female indigenes. Off without announcement at 0759. 0755, 17/9 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony 2001D with 7m vertical antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD) Seldom reported from NAm (gh)

** SLOVAKIA. RSI was asking for advice on getting into a Spanish-language relay service like WRN in English. They are looking for an alternative to shortwave which almost certainly will be abandoned.

Their current Spanish schedule expires 31 October [but so do all schedules at the end of the A-10 season]. SSGG calls for urgent action to oppose dropping SW. Has anyone received anything about this from their English service? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Eslovaquia: Mensaje de Radio Eslovaquia Internacional

Buenos días, Estimados amigos, radioescuchas y radioaficionados. Podrían recomendarnos alguna red de radio que agrupe a las emisoras internacionales de habla hispana ñ como por ejemplo la World Radio Network de Londres? Estamos buscando soluciones alternativas para no perder a nuestros oyentes tras el casi seguro abandono de la Onda Corta. muchisimas gracias.
Atentamente, Ladislava Hudzovicova, Radio Eslovaquia Internacional

Informacion vĩa: Omar Ortiz y Cesar Rodriguez - Bogota, Colombia.

Nota del Editor del Blog "Diexismo Venezolano":

Colegas Diexistas y Radioescuchas del Mundo, en nuestro pueblo hay un dicho que reza, "cuando el río suena, es porque piedras trae" y el alerta recibido por los colegas de Radio Eslovaquia Internacional presagian malas noticias.

Debemos hacer llegar correos electronicos, mensajes grabados en mp3 y correspondencia ordinaria con mensajes de apoyo y de rechazo a Ésta dr†stica medida. Mañana ser† tarde! Debemos actuar ya!!! (Ing. Santiago San Gil Gonzalez, CLUB DIEXISTAS DE LA AMISTAD Barinas, VENEZUELA, Sept 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Eslovaquia Internacional ha publicado en su sitio web, el esquema en espa0ol, (por un mes?) vigente desde el 1 al 31 de Octubre 2010 - Nuevo!

0230-0300 Sudamerica en 5930 & 9440
1430-1500 Europa Occidental en 9440
2000-2030 Europa Occidental en 9695 paralelo a
Sudamerica en 11650

Frequency | 1st - 31st October 2010 - New! <http://bit.ly/bZSAnR> (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Sept 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

Mensaje de Juan Franco Crespo.....

TREMENDA NOTICIA ASÕ QUE UNA VEZ M¡S PARECE QUE SE CUMPLIR; EL ADAGIO POR OBRA Y GRACIA DE LA INCULTURA DE LOS POLÕTICOS QUE NOS GOBIERNAN. øQUI...N HABLA HOY DE RADIO SUECIA POR EJEMPLO EN EL MUNDO DE LA GRAN FAMILIA DE RADIOESCUHAS? øQU... INFLUENCIA TENÕA SUECIA EN EL MUNDO DE LOS A-OS OCHENTA Y CU¡L TIENE AHORA? MUCHA DE SU POPULARIDAD EN LOS FOROS MUNDIALES ERA DEBIDO A SU EMISORA DE ONDA CORTA QUE LLEGABA CON NITIDEZ, CALIDAD INFORMATIVA Y PROGRAM¡TICA, ETC. GENERABA CENTENARES DE NOTICIAS QUE LUEGO SE EXPANDÕAN POR TODO EL MUNDO Y NO HABÕA INTERNET, ESE GRAN INVENTO QUE NOS SIRVE PARA COMUNICARNOS PERO QUE NOS IDIOTIZA A POCO QUE NOS DESCUIDEMOS.

ESPERO QUE RADIO ESLOVAQUIA CONTIN/E EN LA ONDA CORTA Y CONFÕO QUE ESA CARRERA HACIA EL "HARA-KIRI" QUE EST; HACIENDO EL MUNDO OCCIDENTAL SE PARE EN ALG/ºN MOMENTO, AUNQUE A LO MEJOR ES LO QUE SE ESPERA: LA EXPLOSI"ºN FINAL. UN ABRAZO A TODOS Y CONFÕO SEGUIR DISFRUTANDO DE LA RADIO TAL Y COMO SIEMPRE SE HA HECHO. LO DEM¡S, PERDONENME, NO ES RADIO, ES INFORMACI"ºN ENLATADA Y CONTROLADA QUE NO SIEMPRE ES LO QUE UNO ANDA BUSCANDO.

CORDIALES SALUDOS / GOOD LUCK /

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Mensaje recibido de Ladislava Hudzovicov. - Radio Eslovaquia
Internacional

Queridos amigos, radioescuchas y radioaficionados,

Les quiero expresar un enorme agradecimiento por el respaldo que nos est.n expresando. De verdad me han conmovido... habiendo reaccionado inmediatamente y con tal interÈs. Por el momento no tengo novedades, sigo juntando las direcciones y contactos que nos han mandado Ustedes. Durante la semana prÙxima intentarÈ presentar el listado a los responsables. La esperanza es lo ðltimo que se pierde... por supuesto, seguirÈ informandoles al respecto. CordialÌsimamente

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Saludos Amigos, DespuÈs de enterarme de lo sucedido nuevamente con Radio Eslovaquia, es importante que el gobierno Eslovaco sepa que Radio Eslovaquia Internacional, es el unico medio en que se darian a conocer en el mundo. NO AL ABANDONO DE LA ONDA CORTA DESDE ESLOVAQUIA (YIMBER GAVIRIA, CALI - COLOMBIA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hope you're not leaving shortwave! I have heard that Radio Slovakia International may be leaving shortwave, and I hope it isn't true! I'm sorry I haven't sent you many reception reports, but I enjoy your programs and have for many years (right now I'm listening at 0100 UT on 28 September on 9440 kHz; reception quality is excellent, with no interference).

When an international broadcaster switches to internet-only, I have found that there are often more problems with the web stream than there were with propagation or interference. Shortwave, in my opinion, is still the most effective way of reaching a large audience. I know shortwave broadcasting isn't cheap but your efforts are very much

appreciated; the road to peace is paved with an understanding of other peoples and cultures. If you are thinking of discontinuing your shortwave broadcasts, I hope you will reconsider. Sincerely, (Anne Fanelli, Elma, New York (near Buffalo) USA, Sept 27 to englishsection @ slovakradio.sk with cc to WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Slovakia Intl - Revised A10 Frequency Schedule effective 1st October 2010 : <http://tinyurl.com/67aes2>
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Sept 29, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

i.e. the strange schedule the last few months of certain frequencies on certain days only, expires as of Sept 30, and it's back to two frequencies for every transmission, every day. Actually a step in the right direction (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

Muy queridos, Nuestra existencia en Onda Corta est· confirmada hasta el 31.12.2010. (en correspondencia con la validez del contrato con la empresa encargada de la transmisi·n de la se·al)

Lo que suceder· despu·s aun no se sabe. El Consejo de la Radio aprob· el cierre de las transmisiones en OC el 22.9.2010. Aun existen esperanzas de que se encontrara alguien que apoyara los gastos relacionados a la continuidad de las transmisiones en OC.

Por el momento es todo lo que sabemos al respecto. Les agradecemos muy cordialmente a todos ustedes el respaldo espiritual que nos est·n mostrando. Hasta la pr·xima (Ladislava Hudzovicova, RSI, Sept 29, via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear ones, our existence on shortwave is confirmed until 31 December 2010 (corresponding with the validity of the contract with the enterprise in charge of transmitting the signal).

What will happen afterwards is still unknown. The Radio Council approved closing transmissions on SW on 22 September 2010. There is still hope that someone will be found to help with the costs related to continuing SW transmissions.

At the moment that is all we know about this. We cordially thank everyone for the spiritual support they are showing for us.

Until next time, Ladislava Hudzovicova (gh's translation for WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC at 1147 with man in Tok Pisin and taking a few phone calls, pop song, 1157 Christian devotion in English, 1202 ID and s/off by woman, into anthem. Fair, Sept 24

(Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, listening mobile from my car, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, Solomon Islands BC, Honiara. September, 25 0853-0903 native music alternating male in English talks iSaturday.. enjoy programî, male in discussion alternating short music. Some QRM of 5025 R. Rebelde, 33333 (L'cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA. Re DXLD 10-38, Hage: "Thanking, but was it an ironclad confirmation? (gh, DXLD)"

Heh, is there such a thing available from most stations these days? Actually, Mauno heard the same program and sent his recording to the station and it was confirmed the program was theirs. Here's their reply sent to me, ironclad QSL or not :-], 73, Jari ===== [sic:]

Dear Jari Savolainen I thank you very much for your reception report. It encoraiges us to keep working hard to reach you better reception in Finland. Radio Hage Somalia is located Galkio Puntland State of Somalia (Northeast regions of Somalia. Galkaio is in the centra of Somalia, the publation of this town is around 150,000 - 190,000. the town affected by the civil war in Somalia 1991-june1993 Since then it was very peacefull. this station works for the Somali Community in general, we broadcast peace, health, education, environment public awareness program and how to bring Somalia together. Radio Hage stay on air two hours in between 12:30 - 14:30pm every day. My name is : Abdikarim Nur Mohamud, Director Radio Hage Somalia Again I appreciate your assistance Best regards AN Mohamud (via Jari, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. Re 10-38: SOMALILAND, Sept 22: "One wonders if the consul in Germany is really qualified to evaluate DX reports, axually knows if and when R. Hargeysa has been on the air on which frequency"

I believe the consul is quite qualified: Konsularische Vertretung of the Republic of Somaliland, Zedernweg 6, DE-50127 Bergheim is Baldur Drobnica, DJ6SI. 73 thorsten (Hallmann, M,nster, Germany, <http://www.africalist.de.ms> Sept 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 7215, TWR-Meyerton, 0335, 9/21/10. Fair-good with gospel songs and talk in Oromo [listed]; chimes IS at 0345 and off as per sked (Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK, NRD-545; R-75 +PAR-SWL and FlexMLB, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** SPAIN [and non]. 15170, REE via CR, VG except for an undercurrent of BBC Russian, Sept 29 at 1315 with promo for ``Desde el Infierno``, featuring scary SFX, which would be Saturday into [early] Sunday at

``1-2 am``, i.e. 23-24 UT Saturday; but I had heard it back on Sunday July 18 at 2105 UT. This version of their program grid for A-10, http://programasdx.com/principal_archivos/parrillaree10.pdf shows it only at 0000-0100 UT Sundays. Total confusion.

This Wednesday hour on REE had some great music, mostly Afro/Arab beat, but 1321 rap in English, // 17595; later promoted some other REE shows, probably also with wrong times, or applicable to domestic network without specifying as such. 1400 cut music to timesignal 2 sex late on 15170, partly caused by satellite delay, news. Outro at 1404 mentioned that this cast was provided by workers not participating in a general strike across Spain and Europe; 1405 into ``Paisajes y Sabores`` travelog from Almería (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. SLBC Sri Lanka is noted sign off at 0230 UT (ex 0300) in Hindi on 7190, 11905 during the last few days (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Sept 28, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Today heard them way past 0230 UT during random check. At 0231 devotional program "Satya Vani" in Oriya. Signed off at 0247 (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Sept 28, ibid.)

Yes, I also monitored them sign off at 0247 this morning but on 2 days I heard the sign off at 0230 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad, India, Sept 28, ibid.)

Sept 29 - SLBC Hindi signed off at 0231z today (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, ibid.)

** SUDAN [non]. Sept 23 I try to hear ``Sudan in Focus``, the new VOA service for Southern Sudan, which per VOA press release allegedly started Sept 20, M-F at 1630-1700 on 9675, 12015, 13825, sites as yet unknown. No signal on 9675. Only RTTY on 12015 --- so it's not Greenville, which uses that frequency after 1700; I can hear a trace of it on 13825 using USB, but far too much DentreCuban Jamming Command and Radio Marti on 13820. I trust all three have no such problems in the target area.

More about it including ondemand listening at <http://www.voanews.com/sudan> But when I play the current file, it starts with Africa News Tonight headlines; then less than a minute later, Sonny Side of Sports, about India, South Africa, not Sudan, a long report on boxing, outtroed as airing at 1631 UTC! After that, still no Sudan in Focus program. Impossible to tell the date/day this file came from, so is it automated and putting up the wrong one with nohuman at VOA making sure SIF is in it, or has SIF's debut been

delayed? I quit after listening to the first half.

Re my previous report of VOA's Sudan in Focus, M-F 1630-1700 scheduled on 9675, 12015, 13825, but missing from the show's audio file, Kim Elliott replied later Sept 23:

``Hi Glenn, The audio link is working now, at least here. Listening to the RMS in Cairo, it sounds like there were some switching problems earlier this week -- "Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Praha" ID loop and Special English heard -- but proper audio is on the frequencies as of 23 Sept.

Listen for yourself....

http://africa.ibbmonitor.com/rmsweb/ui/sound_query.php

Under Broadcasters, click VOA

Under Languages, click SUEN

Under Locations, click CAIR

Under Dates, click ALL (don't forget this step)

On the next page, under Frequencies, click ALL

Farther down the page, click Listen

You will get several links to mp4 files

73 Kim``

Hiroshi in Japan via Sei-ichi Hasegawa, DXLD yg, also reported that SIF started Sept 23 instead of Sept 20, the frequencies Sept 20-22 carrying the RFE/RL ID loop. It seems that IBB often has such problems getting its act together for anything new (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

New program "VOA Sudan in Focus" of VOA started on Sep. 23 at 1630-1700 UT on 9675, 12015 and 13825 kHz. It was a Sep. 20 start plan, but was able to receive only loop ID of RFE and RL for Sep. 20-22.
<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/special-reports/world-and-regional/Sudan-Elections-in-Focus-86961342.html>

de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Japan, Sept 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Unfortunately I was out, and missed that program this afternoon. But Herbert in Eastern Austria noted this log today.

12015 suffers by V of Korea Pyongyang in German co-channel, 9675 suffers by Tiganeshti Romania powerhouse next door 9680 (Wolfgang B_schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Sept 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: "VOA Sudan in Focus" - Zu Sendebeginn am 24.09. "RFE"-ID.
13825WER Manchmal auftauchender Heulton in LSB, Fading, sonst

ungestoert, AM mit 0=3/4, langsam besser werdend/bleibend.

12015WER VoKorea dominiert mit Deutsch-Sendung. Dann Russland auf 12010 (mit defektem Sender?), VoA leise im Hintergrund. Anfangs 0=1/2, mit Russland 0=0.

9675NAU Anfangs mit 0=3 in LSB [keine Chance in AM]. Schnell schlechter werdend und nur mehr zwischen 0=2 und unhoerbar. Zu grosser Einfluss von RRI Tiganesti auf 9680 in French.

Um 1659 UT ohne Absage s/off (Herbert Meixner-AUT, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 24) (via B,schel, ibid.)

This SUEN Sudan South Program is only Mon-Fri. Friday 24 ZIP RAR Archive of RMS shows the best reception at Harrare and Johannesburg.

12015 kHz is USELESS due of KOREA D.P.R. Pyongyang program in German at same time, co-channel on most monitoring posts in Africa.

Sorry, couldn't open the RA real audio type file from Madagascar anymore. Was an ancient audio format, started some 16 years ago ... 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Those shortwave frequencies did not carry "Sudan in Focus" until 23 Sept. The program website has no information about any FM affiliates, but it might be carried by Liberty FM, 105 MHz in Juba. English is a language of education and business in southern Sudan (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. via Slovakia, 9740, Radio Miraya, via IRRS, 0401-0413, Sept 24, English news about southern Sudan. iRadio Miraya IDs. Gave website. Into Arabic talk and local music at 0413. Poor with adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SURINAME. 4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo, 2130-..., 26 Sep'10, Dutch (presumed), songs; 23341, adjacent utility QRM, no splatter from B 4985 this time. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo. September 25, 0835-0852 two slow music, male in Dutch talks segment. From 0851 strong QRM of Brazilian 4985 Khz, static, at peak 35333 (L'cio Ot.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 3200, TWR, Mpangela Ranch, 2113-2124*, 26 Sep'10, English, African music show, s/off announcements at 2121 including

frequency and schedule information followed by a station jingle right prior to transmitter shut down; 35422. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3239.994, Trans World Radio, 9/26, 0250. IS heard, with IDs; very weak (Ralph Brandi, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

9635, Sept 27 at 1456, African language, and no sign of CVC Spanish from CHILE. Seems like sermon, continuing past hourtop 1500 without break. This is longpath from TWR, sounded sorta Swahilish, but it's really a Malagasy Monday from Manzini, per Aoki at 1455-1525, as it is every day except Sundays in French. WRTH however, says on Sundays only for French, the transmission starts at 1440 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN [non]. 9955, Sept 23 at 0631, there is ``Radio Sweden Wednesday`` on Thursday, introduced by George Wood, with election update. Quite a good signal, mostly atop the pulse jamming. WRMI in fact was much better than WYFR on 9985, but still weaker than WYFR 9715 and 9680.

This was amid WRMI's extensive relays of WRN North America, which the latest schedule shows scattered at various other times, besides the major blox: but never telling us which stations are actually relayed at which hours. For that, we have to bring up the WRN schedule itself.

Compare [URL may change, as linked from WRMI's Facebook]

[https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?](https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AivhtkIEGb3_dENObnZrMkt1YmtUWGxkbkd3TGNzOXc&hl=en#gid=0)

[key=0AivhtkIEGb3_dENObnZrMkt1YmtUWGxkbkd3TGNzOXc&hl=en#gid=0](https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AivhtkIEGb3_dENObnZrMkt1YmtUWGxkbkd3TGNzOXc&hl=en#gid=0)

with

http://www.wrn.org/listeners/assets/PDFs/WRN_English_North_America_Summer_2010.pdf

Hmm, this may mean that R. Sweden can't get rid of SW altogether at the end of October! Contrary to their intent, if they are still putting an English show on WRN, we may get it via WRMI, altho this timing is a bit inconvenient for those who need to sleep (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also FRANCE [non]

** SWITZERLAND. 765 kHz Sottens --- Seemingly RSR will close its MW 765 kHz Option Musique (Sottens site) already at the end of 2010. Thanks to Ydun M. Ritz for translation.

<http://www.rsr.ch/#/corporate/frequences/>

click on: Radio analogique AM (modulation d'amplitude) / OM (ondes moyennes) 73 (Harald Kuhl, Germany, Sept 28, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Hi all, The date of the closure: 5 December 2010 2359 Local time:

<http://www.2222.ch> 73 (Franck F4LKC Baste, *ibid.*)

I have never been any good with languages, so I opened the www.2222.ch via AltaVista/ Babel Fish translation to back up what I could get the gist of.

The translation does not read well, but the website shows suggested ways to keep listening via other services. Looks like they even ask which services listeners would prefer out of 11 options - none being AM.

Sorry, but Broadcasting this is not. Broadcasting is where you can listen from anywhere within signal range, and farther on MW at night, with a simple cheap to operate portable radio, without being tied to landlines or expensive CMR susceptible satellite driven equipment!

The digital age is nothing but coercion to buy unnecessarily complex equipment with all of the the electrosmog it now surrounds us with. It is illogical to replace what has been entirely satisfactory from before the time the people who are forcing through these changes were born, also with the expectation that listeners will tolerate inferior digital audio equipment which is already ruining AM and TV sound !

Sadly, imagination has never extended far enough to realise that closing down the present system will be like the closing down Broadcasting itself to so many listeners. It is the radio industry who should be making the effort, not them expecting listeners to purchase special and expensive equipment in order to listen to them with reduced long term reliability and portability. How arrogant and totally lacking of common sense is this? (Graham Maynard, UK, *ibid.*)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 8400, CHINA jammer (or) TAIWAN Sound of Hope. 1141-1200* September 25, 2010. Following up on Ron Howard's definitive Sound of Hope log. Traditional Chinese instrumental music (not the Firedrake loop), Chinese female with three syllable phrase at 1155 and into soft instrumental. Plug pulled at 1200. Clear and fair, with no trace of any other station on the channel. Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal reported in DXLD that a Chinese transmitter with "regular programming" was the jamming source on 7105 instead of Firedrake, so inconclusive here (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also referred to Ron's log about this in 10-38, on WOR 1532

** THAILAND. 15275, Radio Thailand, *0000-0029* Sep 22, program opening announcing Newshour was next; news headlines read by a man and woman in English; National News in detail commenced at 0002 with TC ithe time is 7:02 AM in Bangkok.î ID at 0009 at end of the news: iYou are listening to Radio Thailand news.î A public service announcement

for water and wastewater issues followed. Global news began at 0011 with a ilive on FM88î ID. At 0021 another ID followed by a series of ads with the first being for a Japanese restaurant in Bangkok. A special report began at 0027 but was cut off in mid-sentence at 0029. Fair, clear signal tonight (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN, 15582, V of Tibet. [Aoki:]
15582*VOICE OF TIBET 1407-1430 Tibetan 100 131 Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK
VOTi

Voice of Tibet noted Sept 24th with S=8-9 here in Germany, no China mainland jamming noted so far.

15568 odd at 1235-1307{Aoki} UT slot, Sept 25, not as strong as usual, only S=7 this afternoon. Also accompanied China mainland Firedrake music jamming on even 15570 kHz rather weak today at 1247 UT, Sept 25 (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 24/25 via DXLD)

** TUNISIA. I was watching my watch, Sept 23 at 0626 as I knew RTT was about to cut 7275 off the air unceremoniously amid the enjoyable Arab music they play. Modulation stopped at 0627:25, carrier cut at 0627:36, uncovering no FRCN Nigeria which had activated 7275 recently but only for a few days, so RTT does not need to worry about their co-channel after all. Meanwhile, // 7335 continued (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY [and non]. 15450, VOT, Saturday Sept 25 at 1250, YL is reading reception reports, i.e. the so-called DX Corner, so this is an on-week for the fortnightly show, ending at 1257; at exactly the same time, KBS World Radio was also reading reception reports as it does every week on Worldwide Friendship via CANADA on 9650.

13760, Sept 27 at 1221 a bit of music which sounded Jewish to me, but maybe merely German, as 1222 German announcement, 1223 VOT piano IS; fair signal equivalent to 13635 Turkish, but 13760 in the clear with no CCI or ACI.

I kept tuning up and by 1226 came to 15450, VOT IS again prior to English, probably same transmitter and antenna, both listed as 310 degrees from Emirler; and they were previously caught not changing the frequency in time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 5931, Speech with motor-boating sound like Russia's FE on 5930, but in reality a spur of Turkey from 5960 with sport reportage // MW 702 (on the air during the Ramadan). 2/9 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi antenna), Oct Australian DX News via

DXLD)

** UGANDA. New 4750.01, 1725-1750 23.09, Dunamis Broadcasting, Mukono, Kampala (presumed) vernacular talk and music - deteriorating from: 25222 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire pulled up in the trees in my garden at 9 metres altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD) Not new

4750, Dunamis BC, Mukono, 1808-1845, 24 Sep'10, vernacular, African music; 25331. 73, (Carlos Gonalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA [and non]. 4975, Strong whistle from V of Russia and Uganda (4976) both in English, observed 1650-1800. Clear signal for Uganda news in English at 1900. Uganda was on 4976 1600-2100 and not on 7195. 2-4/9 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

4975.97, 2155-2255 Monday 20.09, UBC R, Kampala, English ann, western pop songs. Another late broadcast, best heard in USB due to a strong tone on 4975.00 34333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire pulled up in the trees in my garden at 9 metres altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** UGANDA [non]. via France, 15410, Radio YAbaganda, *1700-1740, Sept 25, Presumed. Sign on with talk in listed Swahili. Some Afro-pop music. Fair to good. Sat only. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** UKRAINE. 11620, R. Ukraine International, Kharkov. Good reception of an English talk at 0715, 2/9. No mention of this in AOKI, HFCC, or WRTH (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Dipoles), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

Aoki now does show it but in Ukrainian at 07-09, English 0900, having started July 1 (gh, DXLD)

** U K [non]. 1152 BBC WS NX UNID --- At 1811z on 100913 I got BBC WS News quite clear on 1152 kHz at our Jongensgat DXpedition site on the Indian South East Coast of South Africa. Got it on subsequent days as well. No reference to it in WRTH. Anyone any idea where this TX is???

(John Plimmer, Montagu, Cape Province, South Africa,

South 33 d 47 m 32 s, East 20 d 07 m 32 s

Icom IC-7600, Perseus SDR

ERGO software

Drake SW8. Sangean 803A, Redsun RP2100

Sony 7600D, GE SRIII, Grundig G8, Eton E100

Antenna's RF Systems DX 1 Pro Mk II, Datong AD-270
Kiwa MW Loop.
<http://www.dxing.info/about/dxers/plimmer.dx>
MWDX yg via DXLD)

Hi John, I suspect that it may have been ABC Busselton WA. It runs ABC NewsRadio and the Parliamentary News Network, which at that time 1811 UT would be relaying the BBC overnight. This, I think is a new station. Regards (Tony Magon, Sydney NSW, *ibid.*)

Yes, ABC NewsRadio does carry BBC programmes overnight (Busselton is 8 hrs ahead of UT). It replaced Radio National, Busselton (now on 1269) on 1152 and started testing in July 2010. Programme schedule is at:
<http://www.abc.net.au/newsradio/schedule/onair.htm>
(Alan Pennington, UK, *ibid.*)

Thanks so much to Tony and Alan - certainly it fits perfectly as the ID at 1630 UT was BBC "Europe Today" which fits with the published schedule. So ABC Busselton 10 kW it is (John Plimmer, Montagu, Cape Province, South Africa, *ibid.*)

** U K [non]. BBCWS news in English at 1304 Sept 24 giving optional cutaway ``BBC News`` cue for affiliates who find three minutes of world news plenty, and BBC is so happy to accommodate them --- both on 17830 and 17640, but not synchronized, 17640 a few words ahead of 17830, despite both via Ascension; and at 1306, 17640 goes into Friday Documentary while some other not // feature is on 17830, another example of the absurd fragmentation of BBCWS programming. 17640 is at 114 degrees to C & S Africa, while 17830 is 65 degrees for the Nigeria-Gabon region, who must have separate programming. By 1325 both had faded down to unusability here. BTW, 21 MHz was dead this morning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC WORLD SERVICE CUTS BACK DRAMA, MUSIC AND SPORT |
Media | guardian.co.uk

So here's part of where the BBCWS will be saving money...less drama, music, sports...
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/sep/23/bbc-world-service-cuts>
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Sept 23, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

Bollocks! (John Figliozzi, NY, *ibid.*)

Actually it's Horrocks: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Horrocks
And if you saw last week's (?) "Private Eye" magazine, you could read about his disemboweling of the World Service and its reporters independence (Dan Say, BC, *ibid.*)

Read the BBC email to World Service staff

Full text of message from Craig Oliver, Controller English, Global News, outlining changes to drama, music and sport output:
guardian.co.uk 23 September 2010
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/sep/23/bbc-world-service-email>

Subject: Changes to drama, music and sport output on World Service English from April 2011

From Craig Oliver, Controller English, Global News

Over the past few months, I have been working with my senior editorial team to respond to the challenges of an increasingly tough financial climate. I have had to make some difficult decisions, which will come into effect from next April.

Drama

Sadly, BBC World Service will no longer schedule regular drama output. This means that the current contract with Audio & Music to provide around 14 plays per year will end on 31 March 2011.

I would like to pay tribute to those production teams, actors and writers who have provided our listeners with exceptional radio drama for more than 75 years. Marion Nancarrow, the current executive responsible for drama, deserves particular praise for her record in showcasing established playwrights and actors alongside new writers, directors and performers.

I am pleased to say that the biannual International Playwright Competition, which we have run in conjunction with the British Council for 22 years, will continue on BBC World Service.

Music

BBC World Service will no longer broadcast its weekly, hour-long BBC Proms season programme. We have also decided not to recommission the World of Music series for 2011/12.

We will, however, continue to provide our audiences with the best coverage of the BBC Proms and world music, in addition to drama, performance and other arts in our arts programme The Strand and in other output.

My thanks go to all the production teams involved over the years, in particular senior producer of our BBC Proms programmes Radek

Boschetti, to Oliver Jones and the World of Music production team, and to presenter Mark Coles.

Sport

The daily, hour-long programme dedicated to the Wimbledon tennis championships will cease from 2011. However, as with every Grand Slam tennis event, BBC World Service will continue to feature Wimbledon prominently in our regular sports programmes and bulletins. My thanks go to the sports teams and their dedication to delivering lively content each year from SW19.

Craig (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

This seems like an odd email to send out. Why send an email indicating you have been giving a matter serious thought and announce that after all that thought, you are going to end an hour long show about Tennis? The drama department change is substantial but the rest is quite minor (Andy O'Brien, ex-UK, NY, *ibid.*)

What's the expense of "World of Music"? Is it the music rights? The host? (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

What's common about these cuts is that none are what you'd consider daily or weekly programming -- the Proms and Wimbledon are both special events or series; drama had already been scaled back to once/month. So on a day-to-day basis there won't be a significant change -- at least not from this announcement. So it really will remain largely news & current affairs (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, ODXA yg via DXLD)

I guess they figure all those people in the developing world just have to get internet connections. Never thought I'd say this but there's very little worth listening to on the WS now as it is; I get all my content from BBC domestic programming online (Fred Waterer, Ont., *ibid.*)

What the developing world does have is mobile access; a significant amount of effort goes toward making content available that way.

There are stories of people that don't have running water nor electricity but do have mobile phones, which they charge in a central "charging station".

When it comes to the programs I still enjoy Newshour, Americana, and From Our Own Correspondent, but these are all informational programs and not entertainment programs. RC (Rich Cuff, *ibid.*)

And if you note from the article, it's that the WS will no longer be "purchasing" the programming from the arm of the BBC originating it. This is a legacy of the cochamamie "internal market" that John Birt put into place during his awful and destructive tenure at the BBC. This artificial construct creates an additional expense in the ledger where none in reality exists. Another example of letting ideology dictate over the practical to the damage of all. Sounds like a "divide and conquer" strategy hatched over a decade ago to topple the BBC is coming to fruition. This is not creative destruction; it's just demolition. With more to come, no doubt.

Don't be shocked if that online BBC domestic source dries up for international listeners soon (John Figliozzi, NY, *ibid.*)

I have no doubt that it is inevitable. But there's still lots of stuff to hear out there on the radio, the computer, and any number of other platforms (Fred Waterer, *ibid.*)

If they do cut access to domestic services from listeners outside the UK, maybe somebody will make the programs available on YouTube, just as some of Spain's Telecinco programs were, prior to the actual broadcast (see recent item in Andy Sennit's Media Network blog).

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/>

(Colin Miller, Canada, *ibid.*) See also WORLD OF TELEPHONY

**** U K. CULTURAL EXCHANGE: RADIO 4 IN BRITAIN IS EVIDENCE THAT THE MEDIUM IS AS POPULAR AS EVER**

September 26, 2010|By Henry Chu, Los Angeles Times

More Britons are listening to the radio than ever ó over 90% of all adults in the U.K. ó and the channel offers quality programs unequalled in the States [even NPR]. . .

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/sep/26/entertainment/la-ca-cultural-exchange-radio-20100926>

(via Chuck Albertson, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

**** U K [and non]. Summer A-10 of VT Communications Relays. 2 of 3:**

Polish Radio External Service

1030-1100	11790	MOS	100	kW	/	300	deg	WeEu	Polish
1030-1100	15265	WOF	125	kW	/	082	deg	EaEu	Polish
1100-1130	15265	WOF	125	kW	/	070	deg	EaEu	Russian
1100-1130	15460	WOF	125	kW	/	075	deg	EaEu	Russian
1130-1200	9435	WOF	125	kW	/	092	deg	WeEu	German
1130-1200	9610	WOF	125	kW	/	082	deg	WeEu	German
1200-1300	11675	MOS	100	kW	/	300	deg	WeEu	English
1200-1300	11980	WOF	125	kW	/	045	deg	NoEu	English
1300-1330	15480	WOF	125	kW	/	074	deg	EaEu	Russian

1300-1330	17860	DHA	250	kW	/	020	deg	CeAs	Russian
1330-1430	11955	RMP	250	kW	/	076	deg	EaEu	Belorussian
1330-1430	15480	WOF	125	kW	/	074	deg	EaEu	Belorussian
1430-1500	15500	WOF	125	kW	/	074	deg	EaEu	Ukrainian
1430-1500	11760	WOF	300	kW	/	066	deg	EaEu	Russian
1500-1530	11615	WOF	125	kW	/	078	deg	EaEu	Ukrainian
1500-1530	15265	RMP	500	kW	/	085	deg	EaEu	Ukrainian
1530-1600	9495	RMP	250	kW	/	080	deg	WeEu	German
1530-1630	11640	SKN	300	kW	/	070	deg	EaEu	Polish
1630-1700	11760	SKN	300	kW	/	070	deg	EaEu	Belorussian
1700-1800	7265	KVI	035	kW	/	220	deg	NoEu	English DRM
1700-1800	9770	MOS	300	kW	/	300	deg	WeEu	English
1800-1830	11730	WOF	125	kW	/	058	deg	EaEu	Russian
1800-1830	11865	SKN	300	kW	/	110	deg	N/ME	Hebrew
1830-1900	11730	RMP	500	kW	/	080	deg	EaEu	Ukrainian
1830-1900	15155	SKN	300	kW	/	090	deg	EaEu	Ukrainian
1900-1930	11730	WOF	125	kW	/	075	deg	EaEu	Ukrainian
1900-1930	15155	SKN	300	kW	/	090	deg	EaEu	Russian
1930-2000	6035	RMP	500	kW	/	095	deg	WeEu	German
1930-2000	6135	WOF	100	kW	/	082	deg	WeEu	German DRM
2100-2200	6155	SKN	250	kW	/	150	deg	WeEu	Polish
2100-2200	7245	WOF	125	kW	/	078	deg	EaEu	Polish

IBRA Radio

1100-1200	9945	HBN	100	kW	/	318	deg	EaAs	Chinese via T8WH Angel 3
1700-1800	11655	RMP	250	kW	/	115	deg	N/ME	Arabic
1730-1800	9615	MEY	100	kW	/	015	deg	EaAf	Somali
1730-1800	11785	SKN	300	kW	/	140	deg	EaAf	Swahili
1800-1945	12070	WOF	300	kW	/	137	deg	CeAf	Arabic
1900-2030	11875	RMP	250	kW	/	169	deg	WeAf	Fulfulde/Hausa
1945-2015	11725	WOF	300	kW	/	140	deg	CeAf	Arabic

Free North Korea Radio

1100-1200	12155	DB	100	kW	/	070	deg	KRE	Korean
1300-1500	15645	DB	100	kW	/	070	deg	KRE	Korean
1900-2100	7530	ERV	300	kW	/	065	deg	KRE	Korean

Radio Free Chosun

1200-1300	11560	ERV	300	kW	/	065	deg	KRE	Korean
1500-1600	11560	DB	100	kW	/	070	deg	KRE	Korean
2000-2100	7505	TAC	200	kW	/	065	deg	KRE	Korean

CMI Voice of Wilderness

1300-1400	12130	ERV	300	kW	/	065	deg	KRE	Korean
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Nippon no Kaze

1300-1330	9950	TAI	100	kW	/	002	deg	KRE	Korean
1500-1530	9975	HBN	100	kW	/	345	deg	KRE	Korean via T8WH Angel 4

1530-1600 9965 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg KRE Korean via T8WH Angel 4

JCI Furusato no Kaze

1330-1400 9950 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Japanese

1430-1500 9960 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg KRE Japanese via T8WH Angel 4

1600-1630 9780 TAI 250 kW / 045 deg KRE Japanese

Eglise du Christ

1400-1430 15245 WOF 300 kW / 170 deg NoAf French Thu

Shiokaze

1400-1430 5910@YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE Various*

2030-2100 5965#YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE Various*

@ alternative frequencies: 5985, 6020, 6075, 6120, 6135

alternative frequencies: 5910, 5915, 6045, 6075, 6110

* Japanese Sun-Tue/Thu; English Fri; Korean Sat;

Korean/Chinese/English Wed

[but 1400 has been 6135 in Sept; how about 2030? And language rotation is somewhat variable ---- gh]

Open Radio for North Korea

1400-1500 11570 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg KRE Korean

2100-2200 7480 ERV 300 kW / 065 deg KRE Korean

North Korea Reform Radio

1500-1600 7590 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg KRE Korean

Voice of Martyrs(Freedom)

1600-1700 6240 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg KRE Korean

Southern Sudan Radio Service

1600-1630 11770 MEY 100 kW / non-dir EaAf Arabic Sat-Thu

1600-1630 17700 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg EaAf Arabic Sat-Thu

1630-1700 11770 MEY 100 kW / non-dir EaAf Fur/Masaalit/Zagawa Sat-Thu

1630-1700 17700 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg EaAf Fur/Masaalit/Zagawa Sat-Thu

SW Radio Africa

1700-1900 4880 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg SoAf English

Radio Huryaal

1730-1800 9840 DHA 250 kW / 215 deg EaAf Somali Sat-Thu

1730-1800 9840 MEY 100 kW / 030 deg EaAf Somali Fri

Zimbabwe Community Radio/Radio Dialogue

1755-1855 4895 MEY 100 kW / 000 deg ZWE Ndebele/English/Shona

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Sept 25, via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. President Obama will be interviewed today by BBC Persian -- not by VOA Persian News Network.

There will no doubt be grumbling in Washington about this interview being granted to BBC Persian rather than to VOA Persian News Network. (Recall that, to address the Arab people in January 2009, the President granted an interview to Al Arabiya rather than to Alhurra.)

In fact, VOA PNN has a larger audience in Iran than BBC Persian, so the President would have reached more eyes and ears if interviewed by the former.

In terms of public diplomacy, however, the White House might have concluded that it can have more impact if the President is interviewed by what is perceived as respected, independent, hard-hitting broadcast news organization than by what is typically (and unfortunately) described as an instrument of US public diplomacy.

One of the BBG's "implementation strategies" is to "broaden cooperation within U.S. public diplomacy." How much weight can a VOA "news" interview have if its supervisory board has achieved its goal of broadly cooperating with US public diplomacy?

Just yesterday, the Miami Herald reported that President Obama had "proposed" Cuban-American lawyer Carlos Garc a-P rez as the new director of Radio-TV Mart , and within hours the BBG issued a press release announcing that Mr. Garc a-P rez was so appointed. If the report is true and the BBG is acquiescing to White House selection of the entities' senior executives, how seriously can interviews on those entities be taken? It would be like the CEO of a corporation being interviewed by the corporation's house organ [more:]

<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=9693>

(Kim Andrew Elliott, 24 Sept, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

President Obama's interview on BBC Persian analyzed.

Posted: 26 Sep 2010 for several stories see:

<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=9714>

There was consternation at VOA because BBC Persian, and not VOA Persian News Network, was granted this interview. The White House may have selected BBC because of the perception, however incorrect, that VOA is the administration's poodle. This perception would also not be helpful for VOA.

Instead of trying to get its own interview with the President, VOA Persian News Network should wait for the next occasion in which British-Iranian relations are in the news. Then, using its large audience in Iran as collateral, try to get an interview with David

Cameron, Nick Clegg, or William Hague. For the same reason the White House opted for BBC, Whitehall might choose VOA PNN as its avenue to speak to the Iranian people. See previous post about same subject (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. "COLD WAR RADIO - THE DANGEROUS HISTORY OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING IN EUROPE 1950-1989" by Richard H Cummings.

Richard was director of security at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty for 15 turbulent years [1980-1995], covering the period when the Berlin Wall fell and Eastern Europeans again connected with their fellow Europeans.

A review is here <http://www.radioheritage.net/Story184.asp>
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. RFE/RL 60th anniversary celebration, with BBG chairman's keynote, will be streamed at 2300 UT. Posted: 28 Sep 2010

The RFE/RL 60th anniversary web page will include a live stream of the ceremony at the Newseum, beginning today at 7:00 p.m., or 2300 UT.

RFE/RL press release, 28 Sept 2010: "Also, follow the discussion on Twitter at @rferl."

Broadcasting Board of Governors Highlights, 27 Sept 2010: "As part of the celebration, BBG chairman Walter Isaacson will give a speech discussing his vision for U.S. international broadcasting. The event begins at 6:30 p.m., with remarks starting at 7:00. The speech will be streamed live on the RFE/RL website and will be available on demand in the days following the event."
(see <http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=9726> for linx, via DXLD)

BBG CHAIRMAN ISAACSON OUTLINES VISION FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING -
-- Washington, DC, 09/29/2010

Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) Chairman Walter Isaacson laid out his vision for the future of U.S. international broadcasting in a keynote address as part of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's 60th Anniversary event on Sept. 28.

"Our traditional role of delivering the news top down needs to be complemented by a new approach that catalyzes social networks," said Isaacson. "By creating peer-to-peer global communities, we help guarantee the universal human right of access to the free flow of information."

Acknowledging the newly-appointed Board's launch of a year-long

comprehensive review, Isaacson described the creation of "a great virtual global news service" that would provide reliable reporting for every medium, including social media created by members of BBG broadcasters' global audience.

As he outlined his imperatives for engaging citizens with limited access to news and information, Isaacson repeatedly stressed the importance of credibility in news broadcasting, noting that "trustworthy journalism" would pay dividends for U.S. foreign policy objectives.

Video of the remarks can be viewed here

[http://enews.voanews.com/t?](http://enews.voanews.com/t?r=357&c=2317212&l=4774&ctl=32ED756:BF6AE9FCB50C3952D901EC2C9465C947C0974C3776533290&)

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and a transcript of the speech is available here.

[http://enews.voanews.com/t?](http://enews.voanews.com/t?r=357&c=2317212&l=4774&ctl=32ED757:BF6AE9FCB50C3952D901EC2C9465C947C0974C3776533290&)

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(BBG press release via Clara Listensprechen, DXLD)

US EXTERNAL BROADCASTING BOSS HERALDS "NEW APPROACH" USING SOCIAL NETWORKS | Text of report by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty website on 29 September

Washington, DC: Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) chairman Walter Isaacson tonight [28 September] announced a new direction for US international broadcasting that "seizes on the latest media tools and technology to stay one step ahead of those who seek to repress free information around the world."

As chairman of the BBG, Isaacson oversees RFE, VOA, Radio Free Asia, Radio/TV Marti, Radio Sawa, and Al-Hurra TV, which have a combined weekly audience of more than 171 million people.

"The challenges we face in the new global struggle against repression and intolerance are as great today as they were during the Cold War," he said at a reception marking the 60th anniversary of RFE's first broadcast.

"And just as the founders of Radio Free Europe succeeded in developing creative and innovative ways to get news and information to people suffering behind the Iron Curtain, so too must today's US international broadcasters respond to modern threats to freedom in new and inventive ways."

Speaking at the Newseum in Washington, DC, Isaacson said, "America

cannot let itself be out-communicated by its enemies."

"Our traditional role of delivering the news top down needs to be complimented [sic] by a new approach that catalyzes social networks," said Isaacson. "By creating peer-to-peer global communities, we help guarantee the universal human right of access to the free flow of information."

Tonight's reception honoured six decades of RFE. On July 4, 1950, Radio Free Europe went on the air for the first time with a broadcast to communist Czechoslovakia from a studio in New York City's Empire State Building.

Today, RFE reaches nearly 20 million people in 28 languages and 21 countries from Europe to the Middle East. In Afghanistan, RFE's Radio Azadi is the most popular media outlet in the country. In Iran, RFE's Radio Farda is influential - its Facebook page has more than 50,000 fans.

"We remain a lifeline for people living in war zones and under authoritarian rule who seek accurate and reliable news," said RFE President Jeffrey Gedmin, who moderated tonight's reception. Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty website, Washington DC, in English 29 Sep 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** U S A. LEO SARKISIAN OF VOA'S "MUSIC TIME IN AFRICA" GRANTS HIS ARCHIVES TO UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. Posted: 25 Sep 2010

AnnArbor.com, 20 Sept 2010, James Dickson: "Leo Sarkisian has built a six-decade career in music and radio on that proverb, which he shared in a lecture on 'Travels & Ethnomusicology' today in the gallery of the [University of Michigan's] Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library. ...

[H]is big break came in 1963 when Edward R. Murrow hired him to join the new Voice of America radio. 'Music Time in Africa' first appeared in 1965, and 45 years later, remains a staple of the program. Sarkisian recently passed that torch to musicologist Matthew LaVoie, but still appears on the air from time to time. ...

Sarkisian is regarded by some in his field as the most knowledgeable and experienced African ethnomusicologist in the game. At the age of 89, with more than 60 years of experience and recordings in every African country, it stands to reason that he might be. ...

[He spoke] about the archives Sarkisian recently granted the university to digitize. Tom Bray, converging technologies consultant at U-M, said that digitization has already begun, but he had no timetable when the collection would be viewable online. Digitization

is a piecemeal effort between U-M and Voice of America. First, VOA sends out about 50 tapes; when those are digitized and sent back, VOA inspects them and sends out the next batch. When the digitization effort is over and everything from music to field notes from Sarkisian's recordings to sticky notes on tape cases will be scanned only Voice of America, the National Archives, and the University of Michigan will possess the 'thousands of reels, cassettes, and vinyl records' from Sarkisian's Voice of America recordings."
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD; also via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. Re 10-38: WEWN still missing from all frequencies checked, such as 7555, Sept 23 at 0625 ñ just the utility hash from France on the hi side, unimpeded. WEWN really needs to abandon 7555 when Europe is propagating. Also in the 1300 hour, no 13835, 12050 or 11550.

Glen Tapley of WEWN must have read my previous report, since this email was awaiting me: ``Glenn, FYI. WEWN will be off air for scheduled downtime until Friday 9/24/2010 2100 UTC. Glen Tapley``.

IIRC, they were also off for maintenance several days in August 2009; then we hoped among other things they would fix the squeal and the spurs, but no. This time, maybe?

WEWN's scheduled downtime was over at least an hour earlier than the anticipated 21 UT Friday; ran across 12050 Spanish already back at 2011 Sept 24, VG signal, but guess what --- it's still squealing! Previously diagnosed as card(s) in the modulator needing replacing. // 13830 was also back on, but weaker with splatter from 13820 DentroCuban Jamming Command extending up to 13845 WWCR. At 2016 I could barely hear WEWN's third transmitter, 15610 in English with poor propagation, too weak to reconfirm it's still putting out +/- 10 kHz spurs.

WEWN chex Sept 27 following last week's downtime (for maintenance?). Things are even worse than before. At 1449, 13835 has sermon in English, but audio is distorted, with a constant roar in the background. Switching on BF0, I find the carrier is unstable, rather like WINB always is, but worse; a new problem for WEWN, not noted before. And it's still putting a spur on weaker WWCR 13845.

At 1454, 11550 in Spanish still has the squeal, in ode to Mary, seemed like voice-over at first, but it's just two YLs reciting the same thing unsynchronized; can they hear each other? Better // 12050 was the only aproblematic transmitter.

Further evidence that there is no need for the US Government to propagate Catholicism to Cuba, to the exclusion of competing faiths, via R. Martí: Sept 28 at 1302 on 11550, I find WEWN starting a show

called ``Cuba, tu Esperanza`` with Cuban-accented preacher, and NO JAMMING! Get on the ball, Arnie. He was talking about some religious fiesta on September 8. Unlike yesterday, no squeal on 11550, but instead on // 12050. They must have swapped transmitters (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. First airing of WORLD OF RADIO 1531 confirmed on WRMI webcast, also 9955, Thu Sept 23 from 1500; next airings are Thu 1900 on WBCQ 7415, Thu 2100 on WRMI 9955, UT Fri 0330 on WWRB 3185, Fri 1430 on WRMI 9955, Fri 2030 on WWCN 15825, Sat 0800 on WRMI 9955, NEW Sat 1400 on WRMI 9955, Sat 1600 on WWCN 12160. Full WOR sked, including non-SW outlets: <http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

As I was checking 90m, noise level not too bad, Sept 24 at 0207, found very weak signal on about 3199.5 and another like it on 3230.5; strained to make traces of audio // 3215 WWCN but could not, too weak. Nevertheless, these are surely the oft-reported spurs of the WWCN-1 transmitter, which does the same when on 7465. Maybe also when on 15825, but fundamental from that is rarely strong enough here to audiblize spurs so far down.

These have been reported periodically by Brian Alexander, PA, since Dec 8, 2007, and have varied slightly from 3199.38 to 3199.48, 3230.52 to 3230.62.

Furthermore, tnx to a tip from Sean Travers, who had been noting it previous two nights, WWCN quit 3215 and was opening with steel drum IS at 0358 Sept 24 on 3255 instead. I was not listening closely to what they said, if they axually mentioned why they were on 3255, but instead of programming, it became open carrier, still such until a country hymn singer started at 0454. The program listed for 04-05 UT Tue-Sat in the Sept schedule is Truth House with Dr. E.C. Fulcher. 0458 announced frequency change back to 3215, and off 3255.

I suppose this means when WORLD OF RADIO comes around UT Sunday at 0630, it will still be on 3215, but if not, check 3255 or vicinity.

Nothing about such a test or frequency change on the home page. It seems odd they would leave 3215 with no known problems (or has some military/government/utility user complained?), for a frequency already used by BBC via South Africa at 0300-0600. WWCN is certainly capable of overriding that in North America, but could cause problems for BBC in W Africa, and why risk collision when you don't have to?

So did it bring the plus/minus 15.5v kHz spurs with it? Seems so: at 0450 I was getting some weak otherwise unexplained carriers around 3239.5 and 3270.5. WWCN on 3255 could also be a problem for HRPC and its listeners on 3250; did not seem to be on after 0400 tonight but

sometimes it is, and was hearing it earlier around 0210 when WWCR was still on 3199.5, 3215 and 3230.5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WWCR-1 on 3255 after 0400 GMT? The last two nights I've observed that WWCR around midnight EST [sic] has been moving from 3215 to 3255. Is this a test or a scheduled change? I looked at their website and see nothing. I haven't actually heard the changeover but may try to tonight. Anyone else observing this? It's not my radio I think; my Degen 1103 shows other 90 Meter stations where they should be (WWRB 3185, CHU 3330). (Travers, UT Sept 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Re previous report of WWCR switching to 3255 for an hour at 0358-0458: the person tipping me was Travers DeVine, not Sean Travers, he reminds me, since he normally signs only as Travers (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15825, checking WWCR for its first airing of WORLD OF RADIO 1531, Friday Sept 24 at 2030 on 15825 --- very poor, fading signal here in skip-zone, but made out a familiar voice mentioning ``15476`` so probably yours truly. Also reconfirmed next airing Sat 1600 on 12160; rest are UT Sun 0230 on 4840, 0630 on 3215.

3255, WWCR again here instead of 3215, Sept 25 at 0414 check and this time with modulation, some preacher, presumably 3215 scheduled Fulcher, letting us overhear his prayer for a president that would appoint anti-RoeWade, anti-gay, etc., SCOTUS justices.

It seems that WWCR plans to use 3255 in B-10 between 22 and 02, give or take an hour depending on DST, so this may be a trial run, during only one different hour? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

WWCR: Maybe an antenna test for B-10 season, when 3255 kHz is used at 22-01 / 23-02 UT slot instead (Wolfgang B,schel, BC-DX Sept 25 via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO on WWCR, reconfirmed final two airings UT Sunday Sept 26: 0230 on 4840, and starting at 0630 on 3215, both VG; and yes, not on alternate 3255 at this time. Final Sunday 1515 on WRMI confirmed on webcast; one more today Sunday is at 1730 via WRN on 9955 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After a few nites on 3255 during the 04-05 UT hour, WWCR was back on 3215, at quick check 0408 UT Monday Sept 27 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am listening to WWCR testing on 3255 kHz with a test announcement at 0300 during a long ad string seeking reception reports to 3255 @ wwcr.com The American Independence Hour followed at 0306 so I guess

this is regular programming. 3215 kHz is silent tonight. If they stay here that will make BBC-Meyerton a rare DX target going forward. 73, (Rich D'Angelo, PA, UT Sept 29, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD)

I believe I noticed it back on 3215 around 0530 that nite (gh, DXLD)

Noticed WWCR on 3255 again around 0330 UT tonight (Tom Nyberg, IA, UT Sept 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4840, WWCR. Nashville, USA. 0210-0300 sept. 26 escuchada presentando el DX Block con el Australia DX report, Dx Partyline y World of Radio. Excelente se0al (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i e Hilo de 15 metros, <http://dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com/> via Yimber Gaviria, Sept 27, DXLD)

** U S A. George McClintock of WTWW advises me Sept 23: switch from 9479 to 5755 has been moved forward an hour to 23 UT. The morning switch from 5755 to 9479 will also be moved an hour, later, sometime in October, 13 instead of 12 UT, to compensate for longer nights, shorter days. Registrations are flexible enough to accommodate such variations as needed.

How is transmitter #2 coming? A crew is coming shortly to do some work on it. Looks like it will not be on the air until next year. Transmitter #3? About 80% likely to be obtained this year, but it too will take some time after #2 to become operational. #1 has been working well, has run 30 days with very little downtime.

George McClintock of WTWW tells me Sept 26: QSL cards are now going out; sorry about the long delay, 6 months in some cases, but priorities have been getting the station on the air and operating properly.

Those who reported by e-mail get replies by e-mail; cards are also printed for those reporting by p-mail, and will include verie data on the back. SAEs/SASEs are very much appreciated and help speed up the process. Addresses are on website <http://wtww.us> ---

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Now working on improving the WTWW audio. At night there was distortion on the webstream, now fixed. It was caused by RF when the transmitter is on 5755 getting into the streaming computer. This also affected to some extent the distortion level on the broadcast.

Scriptures for America Worldwide has been picked up off satellite feed, but installing a direct T1 line connexion from The Radio Ranch studio in Laporte CO, to the transmitter at Lebanon TN, which should avoid the digital processing thru uplinx and downlinx.

Satellite will remain as backup. Pastor Pete Peters' people will also be upgrading their recording quality to two times better, eventually up to ten times better fidelity (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1531 missing from WWRB, 3185, UT Friday Sept 24 at 0330-0400. Too late, I discovered they had a corrupted file so could not air it; instead, big band music fill. I make a sad face. Now with the good file, perhaps they will be able to fit it in some open slot instead during the following week, and if so and notified in advance, I'll let everyone know (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 9955, WRMI chex: Sept 25 at 1112, good signal, no jamming, with Andean music, ergo Aires Andinos show, at one of its several scheduled times, 1100-1130 Saturdays. By 1359, pulse-jamming was marring religious kidshow, outtroed with website, as Your Story Hour. That's one of the AWR flock of shows with a long history, but WRMI schedule shows Living the Bible for Sat 1330-1400. Perhaps YSH is a subset within it.

After WRMI ID, WORLD OF RADIO 1531 confirmed at new time, Sat from 1400:33, still with jamming pulses. Tnx a lot, our false friend in Havana! Much heavier jamming against nothing (?) on 9965 had just ramped up at 1358:20. Next WOR airings on WRMI are Sat 1730, Sun 0800, 1730 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17775, KVOH, 2018 tune-in Sept 24 but just S9+22 open carrier, then occasionally interrupted by program audio bursting on for a few sec each, screaming gospel huxter in Spanish, then back to blessed silence making up the great majority of airtime. Even if one wanted to, it would have been impossible to follow what he was trying to preach. Meanwhile there was only a trace of the spur on 17920. Recheck at 2115, singing and preaching most of the time but with some breaks; 2123 silence for another semi-minute; 2137 modulation still on and off. Why is it so challenging for so many SW stations to just do the minimal job of modulating a carrier? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15550-USB, Sept 26 at 2158, bit of ``Rock of Ages`` on piano(?), just stops at 2200, no WJHR sign-off, as splat from 15540 RNW Bonaire starts.

FCC has finally just posted version 3 of their A-10 schedule, at http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/A10FCC03.TXT which shows, guess what?

15550 1400 2200 WJHR 50 5 4 1234567 280310 311010

which means 50 kW, 5 degrees to CIRAF region 4, which is basically Ontario, Quebec, and northward, including Baffin and other islands.

We know it's nowhere near 50 kW, probably 1 kW max. The FCC list does not bother with modes, as every broadcaster is surely on AM/DSB, but HFCC shows it as T, instead of the usual D for AM, and N for DRM (numÉrique). T must mean both pure USB and reduced carrier USB, since the only other T listings are:

4005, Vatican [or is it LSB? Is the carrier really reduced?]

6025, 9445, 11615 KTMI [imaginary, so no AM if they ever appear]

9330, 15420 WBCQ [both 'compatible' RC/USB]

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. AWR newsletter hilites 'success' stories, including converting a Catholic and a Pentecostal --- altho I am sure they will take 'em wherever they can get 'em, this reveals one aim of the organization: raiding related religions. After all, they are already Christians of some ilk, so it's easier to draw those into The One True Faith than some total heathens (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 9830, VG signal Sept 24 at 0154 in fraxured French --- must be Kriyol, then into instrumental music with religious overtones, 0158 ``Gott Sei die Ehre``, theme, so it's Family Radio, but WYFR? Modulation unsounds like Okeechobee, and no Creole on their own schedule. 0158 says ``The Sound of the New Life, Family Radio en langue crÉole`` and off at 0158.6.

This is a new service, started 27 August, really 250 kW, 306 degrees from Guiana French, at 01-02, tho hardly necessary with WYFR itself so close to Haôti (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WYFR B-10 schedules effective 31 October in three different sorts. NOTE: this concerns ONLY Okeechobee transmissions from WYFR itself, not the ever-growing relays around the world in a great many other languages, details of which are not made available directly from Family Radio. [except TAIWAN; see below]

TIME SORT FOR WYFR B-2010

TIME (UTC)	LANG	FREQ	AZ
0000-0045	ENGL	11720	142
0000-0045	SPAN	9715	285
0000-0045	ENGL	6085	355
0000-0045	FREN	15400	151
0000-0045	PORT	9430	160
0000-0100	PORT	11885	140
0000-0445	ENGL	9505	315
0100-0145	PORT	9930	142
0100-0145	SPAN	11885	140
0100-0200	PORT	11825	160
0100-0200	SPAN	9525	285
0100-0200	SPAN	5950	355
0100-0200	SPAN	7570	160
0100-0200	SPAN	6890	222
0100-0300	SPAN	9985	151
0100-0345	PORT	7520	142
0100-0445	ENGL	7455	355
0200-0245	SPAN	11825	160
0200-0300	SPAN	9930	222
0200-0300	ENGL	9525	285
0200-0300	ENGL	5985	181
0200-0300	ENGL	6890	222
0300-0345	SPAN	9525	285
0300-0345	SPAN	7570	160
0300-0400	ENGL	9930	222
0300-0400	PORT	7730	160
0300-0400	ENGL	9985	151
0300-0400	SPAN	9680	315
0300-0400	SPAN	6890	222
0300-0445	SPAN	5985	181
0400-0445	SPAN	9930	222
0400-0445	SPAN	7730	160
0400-0445	SPAN	9985	151
0400-0500	RUSS	7520	44
0400-0500	ENGL	9715	285
0400-0500	PORT	11580	87
0400-0600	ENGL	5950	355
0400-0700	ENGL	9680	315
0500-0545	SPAN	5745	222
0500-0600	ARAB	7520	44
0500-0600	SPAN	9355	44
0500-0600	GERM	7730	44

0500-0600	SPAN	6000	181
0500-0600	FREN	9985	87
0500-0600	FREN	11530	44
0500-0600	ARAB	11580	87
0500-0600	MAND	5985	315
0500-1245	SPAN	9715	285
0504-0700	SPAN	9495	222

0600-0645	CANT	5985	315
0600-0700	FREN	7520	44
0600-0700	ITAL	9355	44
0600-0700	ROMA	7730	44
0600-0700	ENGL	6000	181
0600-0700	ENGL	9985	87
0600-0700	SPAN	5950	355
0600-0700	ENGL	11530	44
0600-0700	FREN	11580	87
0600-0745	ENGL	5745	44

0700-0745	SPAN	7520	44
0700-0745	PORT	9355	44
0700-0745	POLI	7730	44
0700-0745	ITAL	11530	44
0700-0745	SPAN	9680	315
0700-0800	ARAB	9985	87
0700-0800	ENGL	9495	222
0700-0845	ENGL	11580	87
0700-0945	SPAN	6000	181
0700-1100	ENGL	5950	355
0700-1145	ENGL	6875	285
0700-1345	ENGL	7455	315

0800-0845	FREN	9985	87
0800-0945	SPAN	5745	160
0800-0945	SPAN	9495	222
0800-1000	SPAN	11740	151
0800-1000	PORT	9680	140
0800-1045	PORT	9605	142
0800-1045	PORT	6105	142
0800-1345	SPAN	9555	160

0900-1000	SPAN	6890	355
0900-1100	PORT	9575	160

1000-1045	FREN	9680	140
1000-1100	SPAN	6000	160
1000-1100	FREN	11740	151
1000-1245	ENGL	6890	355

1000-1600	SPAN	6085	181
1100-1145	ENGL	6000	160
1100-1145	SPAN	5950	355
1100-1145	SPAN	9575	160
1100-1200	ENGL	11725	222
1100-1200	ENGL	11830	140
1100-1245	SPAN	9605	222
1100-1300	SPAN	11740	151
1200-1245	PORT	11830	140
1200-1300	ENGL	11530	160
1200-1300	FREN	13695	355
1200-1345	ENGL	11970	285
1200-1545	SPAN	11725	222
1200-1545	SPAN	13615	160
1300-1345	SPAN	15355	222
1300-1345	PORT	11530	160
1300-1400	MAND	13695	355
1300-1400	FREN	11740	151
1300-1400	ENGL	11830	315
1300-1600	ENGL	11855	355
1300-2345	SPAN	15130	285
1400-1500	SPAN	15355	142
1400-1500	PORT	15210	160
1400-1500	ENGL	13695	355
1400-1500	SPAN	11830	315
1400-1545	SPAN	17555	160
1400-1545	SPAN	11740	151
1400-1645	ENGL	11565	315
1400-1645	ENGL	17760	285
1500-1545	PORT	15355	142
1500-1545	ENGL	15210	160
1500-1600	SPAN	13695	355
1500-1600	MAND	11830	315
1600-1645	ARAB	15250	44
1600-1645	FREN	11855	355
1600-1645	ENGL	11830	315
1600-1700	SPAN	18930	44
1600-1700	ENGL	17690	87
1600-1700	ENGL	6085	181
1600-1745	ENGL	18980	44
1600-1745	RUSS	21745	44
1600-1800	ENGL	15795	44

1600-2000	ENGL	13695	355
1700-1800	GERM	17760	44
1700-1800	ITAL	18930	44
1700-1800	FREN	15115	87
1700-1800	PORT	17690	87
1700-1800	SPAN	17535	315
1700-1900	SPAN	6085	181
1700-2000	PORT	17575	140
1700-2145	ENGL	17555	285
1800-1845	ITAL	17760	44
1800-1900	GERM	15795	44
1800-1900	SPAN	18930	44
1800-1900	FREN	15565	44
1800-2000	FREN	17690	87
1800-2145	ENGL	6915	44
1800-2145	ENGL	17535	315
1800-2200	ENGL	15115	87
1900-1945	FREN	15795	44
1900-1945	RUSS	18930	44
1900-1945	ENGL	15565	44
1900-1945	ENGL	6085	181
1900-2000	ARAB	5745	44
2000-0045	SPAN	11855	222
2000-0200	SPAN	5985	181
2000-2045	ENGL	5745	44
2000-2045	SPAN	13695	355
2000-2100	GERM	11565	44
2000-2100	ROMA	9355	44
2000-2100	POLI	11665	44
2000-2100	ARAB	17690	87
2000-2100	ENGL	17575	140
2100-0100	ENGL	5950	355
2100-2145	PORT	11565	44
2100-2145	ARAB	11665	44
2100-2200	SPAN	9355	44
2100-2200	PORT	17690	87
2100-2200	FREN	17575	140
2100-2245	SPAN	11700	160
2200-0045	PORT	9690	142
2200-0200	ENGL	15440	285
2200-2245	SPAN	11580	142
2200-2245	FREN	9355	44

2200-2245	ARAB	15115	87
2200-2245	SPAN	11665	151
2200-2245	ENGL	17690	87
2200-2245	PORT	17575	140
2200-2345	ENGL	11740	315
2300-0000	PORT	11720	142
2300-0000	FREN	6085	355
2300-0000	ENGL	15400	151
2300-0000	ENGL	9430	160
2300-0045	SPAN	13615	160
2300-0445	SPAN	9355	160

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FREQ	TIME (UTC)	LANG	AZ
5745	0500-0545	SPAN	222
5745	0600-0745	ENGL	44
5745	1900-2000	ARAB	44
5745	2000-2045	ENGL	44
5745	0800-0945	SPAN	160
5950	0400-0600	ENGL	355
5950	0600-0700	SPAN	355
5950	0700-1100	ENGL	355
5950	1100-1145	SPAN	355
5950	2100-0100	ENGL	355
5950	0100-0200	SPAN	355
5985	2000-0200	SPAN	181
5985	0200-0300	ENGL	181
5985	0300-0445	SPAN	181
5985	0500-0600	MAND	315
5985	0600-0645	CANT	315
6000	1000-1100	SPAN	160
6000	1100-1145	ENGL	160
6000	0500-0600	SPAN	181
6000	0600-0700	ENGL	181
6000	0700-0945	SPAN	181
6085	0000-0045	ENGL	355
6085	2300-0000	FREN	355
6085	1000-1600	SPAN	181
6085	1600-1700	ENGL	181
6085	1700-1900	SPAN	181
6085	1900-1945	ENGL	181
6105	0800-1045	PORT	142
6875	0700-1145	ENGL	285
6890	0900-1000	SPAN	355
6890	1000-1245	ENGL	355

6890	0100-0200	SPAN	222
6890	0200-0300	ENGL	222
6890	0300-0400	SPAN	222
6915	1800-2145	ENGL	44

7455	0100-0445	ENGL	355
7455	0700-1345	ENGL	315
7520	0100-0345	PORT	142
7520	0400-0500	RUSS	44
7520	0500-0600	ARAB	44
7520	0600-0700	FREN	44
7520	0700-0745	SPAN	44
7570	0100-0200	SPAN	160
7570	0300-0345	SPAN	160
7730	0300-0400	PORT	160
7730	0400-0445	SPAN	160
7730	0500-0600	GERM	44
7730	0600-0700	ROMA	44
7730	0700-0745	POLI	44

9355	0500-0600	SPAN	44
9355	0600-0700	ITAL	44
9355	0700-0745	PORT	44
9355	2300-0445	SPAN	160
9355	2000-2100	ROMA	44
9355	2100-2200	SPAN	44
9355	2200-2245	FREN	44
9430	2300-0000	ENGL	160
9430	0000-0045	PORT	160
9495	0504-0700	SPAN	222
9495	0700-0800	ENGL	222
9495	0800-0945	SPAN	222
9505	0000-0445	ENGL	315
9525	0100-0200	SPAN	285
9525	0200-0300	ENGL	285
9525	0300-0345	SPAN	285
9555	0800-1345	SPAN	160
9575	0900-1100	PORT	160
9575	1100-1145	SPAN	160
9605	0800-1045	PORT	142
9605	1100-1245	SPAN	222
9680	0800-1000	PORT	140
9680	1000-1045	FREN	140
9680	0300-0400	SPAN	315
9680	0400-0700	ENGL	315
9680	0700-0745	SPAN	315
9690	2200-0045	PORT	142
9715	0000-0045	SPAN	285

9715	0400-0500	ENGL	285
9715	0500-1245	SPAN	285
9930	0100-0145	PORT	142
9930	0200-0300	SPAN	222
9930	0300-0400	ENGL	222
9930	0400-0445	SPAN	222
9985	0500-0600	FREN	87
9985	0600-0700	ENGL	87
9985	0700-0800	ARAB	87
9985	0800-0845	FREN	87
9985	0100-0300	SPAN	151
9985	0300-0400	ENGL	151
9985	0400-0445	SPAN	151

11530	1200-1300	ENGL	160
11530	1300-1345	PORT	160
11530	0500-0600	FREN	44
11530	0600-0700	ENGL	44
11530	0700-0745	ITAL	44
11565	2000-2100	GERM	44
11565	2100-2145	PORT	44
11565	1400-1645	ENGL	315
11580	2200-2245	SPAN	142
11580	0400-0500	PORT	87
11580	0500-0600	ARAB	87
11580	0600-0700	FREN	87
11580	0700-0845	ENGL	87
11665	2000-2100	POLI	44
11665	2100-2145	ARAB	44
11665	2200-2245	SPAN	151
11700	2100-2245	SPAN	160
11720	0000-0045	ENGL	142
11720	2300-0000	PORT	142
11725	1100-1200	ENGL	222
11725	1200-1545	SPAN	222
11740	0800-1000	SPAN	151
11740	1000-1100	FREN	151
11740	1100-1300	SPAN	151
11740	1300-1400	FREN	151
11740	1400-1545	SPAN	151
11740	2200-2345	ENGL	315
11825	0100-0200	PORT	160
11825	0200-0245	SPAN	160
11830	1100-1200	ENGL	140
11830	1200-1245	PORT	140
11830	1300-1400	ENGL	315
11830	1400-1500	SPAN	315
11830	1500-1600	MAND	315

11830	1600-1645	ENGL	315
11855	1300-1600	ENGL	355
11855	1600-1645	FREN	355
11855	2000-0045	SPAN	222
11885	0000-0100	PORT	140
11885	0100-0145	SPAN	140
11970	1200-1345	ENGL	285

13615	2300-0045	SPAN	160
13615	1200-1545	SPAN	160
13695	1200-1300	FREN	355
13695	1300-1400	MAND	355
13695	1400-1500	ENGL	355
13695	1500-1600	SPAN	355
13695	1600-2000	ENGL	355
13695	2000-2045	SPAN	355

15115	1700-1800	FREN	87
15115	1800-2200	ENGL	87
15115	2200-2245	ARAB	87
15130	1300-2345	SPAN	285
15210	1400-1500	PORT	160
15210	1500-1545	ENGL	160
15250	1600-1645	ARAB	44
15355	1300-1345	SPAN	222
15355	1400-1500	SPAN	142
15355	1500-1545	PORT	142
15400	2300-0000	ENGL	151
15400	0000-0045	FREN	151
15440	2200-0200	ENGL	285
15565	1800-1900	FREN	44
15565	1900-1945	ENGL	44
15795	1600-1800	ENGL	44
15795	1800-1900	GERM	44
15795	1900-1945	FREN	44

17535	1700-1800	SPAN	315
17535	1800-2145	ENGL	315
17555	1400-1545	SPAN	160
17555	1700-2145	ENGL	285
17575	1700-2000	PORT	140
17575	2000-2100	ENGL	140
17575	2100-2200	FREN	140
17575	2200-2245	PORT	140
17690	1600-1700	ENGL	87
17690	1700-1800	PORT	87
17690	1800-2000	FREN	87
17690	2000-2100	ARAB	87

17690	2100-2200	PORT	87
17690	2200-2245	ENGL	87
17760	1700-1800	GERM	44
17760	1800-1845	ITAL	44
17760	1400-1645	ENGL	285

18930	1600-1700	SPAN	44
18930	1700-1800	ITAL	44
18930	1800-1900	SPAN	44
18930	1900-1945	RUSS	44
18980	1600-1745	ENGL	44

21745	1600-1745	RUSS	44
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LANG	TIME (UTC)	FREQ (KHZ)	AZ
ARAB	0500-0600	7520	44
ARAB	1600-1645	15250	44
ARAB	1900-2000	5745	44
ARAB	0700-0800	9985	87
ARAB	2200-2245	15115	87
ARAB	2100-2145	11665	44
ARAB	0500-0600	11580	87
ARAB	2000-2100	17690	87

CANT	0600-0645	5985	315
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ENGL	1600-1800	15795	44
ENGL	0000-0045	11720	142
ENGL	0300-0400	9930	222
ENGL	0600-0745	5745	44
ENGL	1100-1200	11725	222
ENGL	1600-1745	18980	44
ENGL	1800-2145	6915	44
ENGL	1500-1545	15210	160
ENGL	2000-2045	5745	44
ENGL	1100-1145	6000	160
ENGL	1200-1300	11530	160
ENGL	0200-0300	9525	285
ENGL	0400-0500	9715	285
ENGL	0200-0300	5985	181
ENGL	0600-0700	6000	181
ENGL	0000-0045	6085	355
ENGL	0100-0445	7455	355
ENGL	0600-0700	9985	87
ENGL	1000-1245	6890	355
ENGL	1300-1600	11855	355

ENGL	1800-2200	15115	87
ENGL	0400-0600	5950	355
ENGL	0700-1100	5950	355
ENGL	1400-1500	13695	355
ENGL	1600-2000	13695	355
ENGL	2100-0100	5950	355
ENGL	0600-0700	11530	44
ENGL	1900-1945	15565	44
ENGL	2300-0000	15400	151
ENGL	0300-0400	9985	151
ENGL	2300-0000	9430	160
ENGL	0700-0845	11580	87
ENGL	1600-1700	17690	87
ENGL	2200-2245	17690	87
ENGL	0000-0445	9505	315
ENGL	0700-1345	7455	315
ENGL	1400-1645	11565	315
ENGL	1800-2145	17535	315
ENGL	2200-2345	11740	315
ENGL	1100-1200	11830	140
ENGL	1300-1400	11830	315
ENGL	1600-1645	11830	315
ENGL	2000-2100	17575	140
ENGL	0400-0700	9680	315
ENGL	2200-0200	15440	285
ENGL	0700-1145	6875	285
ENGL	1200-1345	11970	285
ENGL	1400-1645	17760	285
ENGL	1700-2145	17555	285
ENGL	0200-0300	6890	222
ENGL	0700-0800	9495	222
ENGL	1600-1700	6085	181
ENGL	1900-1945	6085	181

FREN	0600-0700	7520	44
FREN	1900-1945	15795	44
FREN	2200-2245	9355	44
FREN	0500-0600	9985	87
FREN	0800-0845	9985	87
FREN	1600-1645	11855	355
FREN	1700-1800	15115	87
FREN	2300-0000	6085	355
FREN	1200-1300	13695	355
FREN	0500-0600	11530	44
FREN	1000-1100	11740	151
FREN	1300-1400	11740	151
FREN	1800-1900	15565	44
FREN	0000-0045	15400	151

FREN	0600-0700	11580	87
FREN	1800-2000	17690	87
FREN	1000-1045	9680	140
FREN	2100-2200	17575	140
GERM	1800-1900	15795	44
GERM	2000-2100	11565	44
GERM	1700-1800	17760	44
GERM	0500-0600	7730	44
ITAL	0600-0700	9355	44
ITAL	1800-1845	17760	44
ITAL	1700-1800	18930	44
ITAL	0700-0745	11530	44
MAND	1300-1400	13695	355
MAND	0500-0600	5985	315
MAND	1500-1600	11830	315
POLI	0700-0745	7730	44
POLI	2000-2100	11665	44
PORT	0100-0345	7520	142
PORT	0800-1045	9605	142
PORT	1500-1545	15355	142
PORT	2100-2145	11565	44
PORT	2200-0045	9690	142
PORT	0100-0145	9930	142
PORT	0800-1045	6105	142
PORT	2300-0000	11720	142
PORT	0700-0745	9355	44
PORT	1400-1500	15210	160
PORT	0300-0400	7730	160
PORT	1300-1345	11530	160
PORT	0100-0200	11825	160
PORT	0000-0045	9430	160
PORT	0400-0500	11580	87
PORT	0900-1100	9575	160
PORT	1700-1800	17690	87
PORT	2100-2200	17690	87
PORT	0800-1000	9680	140
PORT	1200-1245	11830	140
PORT	1700-2000	17575	140
PORT	2200-2245	17575	140
PORT	0000-0100	11885	140
ROMA	0600-0700	7730	44
ROMA	2000-2100	9355	44

RUSS	0400-0500	7520	44
RUSS	1900-1945	18930	44
RUSS	1600-1745	21745	44
SPAN	0700-0745	7520	44
SPAN	1100-1245	9605	222
SPAN	1300-1345	15355	222
SPAN	1400-1500	15355	142
SPAN	0200-0300	9930	222
SPAN	0400-0445	9930	222
SPAN	0500-0545	5745	222
SPAN	1200-1545	11725	222
SPAN	2200-2245	11580	142
SPAN	0500-0600	9355	44
SPAN	0800-1345	9555	160
SPAN	2100-2245	11700	160
SPAN	2300-0445	9355	160
SPAN	0400-0445	7730	160
SPAN	0800-0945	5745	160
SPAN	1000-1100	6000	160
SPAN	1400-1545	17555	160
SPAN	1600-1700	18930	44
SPAN	1800-1900	18930	44
SPAN	2100-2200	9355	44
SPAN	2300-0045	13615	160
SPAN	0200-0245	11825	160
SPAN	0000-0045	9715	285
SPAN	0100-0200	9525	285
SPAN	0300-0345	9525	285
SPAN	0500-1245	9715	285
SPAN	1300-2345	15130	285
SPAN	2000-0200	5985	181
SPAN	0300-0445	5985	181
SPAN	0500-0600	6000	181
SPAN	0700-0945	6000	181
SPAN	0900-1000	6890	355
SPAN	0600-0700	5950	355
SPAN	1100-1145	5950	355
SPAN	1500-1600	13695	355
SPAN	2000-2045	13695	355
SPAN	0100-0200	5950	355
SPAN	0800-1000	11740	151
SPAN	1100-1300	11740	151
SPAN	1400-1545	11740	151
SPAN	2200-2245	11665	151
SPAN	0100-0300	9985	151
SPAN	0400-0445	9985	151

SPAN	0100-0200	7570	160
SPAN	0300-0345	7570	160
SPAN	1100-1145	9575	160
SPAN	1200-1545	13615	160
SPAN	1700-1800	17535	315
SPAN	1400-1500	11830	315
SPAN	0100-0145	11885	140
SPAN	0300-0400	9680	315
SPAN	0700-0745	9680	315
SPAN	2000-0045	11855	222
SPAN	0100-0200	6890	222
SPAN	0300-0400	6890	222
SPAN	0504-0700	9495	222
SPAN	0800-0945	9495	222
SPAN	1000-1600	6085	181
SPAN	1700-1900	6085	181

(Evelyn Marcy, WYFR Okeechobee, Aug 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Family Radio via Taiwan, B-10 from 31 October:

TIME (UTC)	(kHz)	TARGET	Azimuth	(degrees)
Burmese				
1100-1200	6220	Burma	267	
1200-1300	11570	Burma	267	
English				
0900-1100	9465	Philippines	180	
1300-1400	11520	Indonesia	180	
1300-1500	11560	India	285	
1500-1600	6280	India	285	
Hindi				
1600-1700	6280	India	285	
Indonesian				
1100-1200	11550	Indonesia	205	
1200-1300	11520	Indonesia	180	
0000-0100	11865	Indonesia	205	
Korean				
0800-0900	11895	Korea	2	
Mandarin				
0900-1000	11565	China	310	
0900-1100	9945	China	310	Mon, Tue
1000-1100	9945	China	310	Wed, Thu, Fri
1000-1100	9920	China	2	

0900-1100	9545	China	285
1100-1600	6240	China	310
1100-1600	9280	China	335
1200-1300	11535	China	342
2100-2400	9280	China	335
2200-2400	6230	China	310
2300-2400	9540	China	285

Russian			
1500-1700	9955	Eu/CIS	325

Tagalog			
1100-1200	11520	Philippines	180

Vietnamese			
1000-1100	9455	Viet Nam	225
1200-1300	7460	Viet Nam	225
1300-1400	7260	Viet Nam	250
1300-1400	9960	Viet Nam	225
0000-0100	11630	Viet Nam	245

(Evelyn Marcy, WYFR Okeechobee, Sept 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A. POSSIBLE MEDIUM WAVE FREQUENCY ALLOCATION FOR AMATEURS**
 Amateur Radio Newsline By Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF September 24 2010

The ARRL reports that the United States is supporting new secondary Amateur Radio allocation at 461 to 469 kHz and 471 to 478 kHz. This after both the Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration spectrum regulators have agreed to support this secondary Medium Frequency allocation to the at the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference to be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

The FCC and NTIA formally presented the proposal at a meeting of the Second Permanent Consultative Committee of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission held a few weeks ago in Brazil. However the proposal will likely draw opposition from maritime interests domestically and internationally. They have expressed opposition to any amateur allocation in the 415 to 526.5 kHz spectrum (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** U S A. FCC FREES UP VACANT TV AIRWAVES (THEIR WORDS, NOT OURS)**
 FOR SUPER WI-FI TECHNOLOGIES

Heads up. This is the White Spaces proceeding we have been discussing. A Second Memorandum Opinion and Order (Second MO&O) has been released. As the FCC put it:

"The Federal Communications Commission today [9/23/10] took steps to free up vacant airwaves between TV channels -- called "white spaces" - - to unleash a host of new technologies, such as super Wi-Fi, and myriad other diverse applications. This is the first significant block of spectrum made available for unlicensed use in more than 20 years...."

Aside from our industry's well founded belief that white space devices will have a detrimental effect on over-the-air TV reception, the Commission did "reserve two vacant UHF channels for wireless microphones and other low power auxiliary service devices in all areas of the country." So, at least a modicum of forward thinking was used.

Getting back to the TV interference issue, Amy Schatz, writing in the Wall Street Journal on September 23, 2010, noted that, "Consumers may not see new devices which use those airwaves for several years, however. The legal challenge by broadcasters can now move forward."

Following are the FCC news brief and the official MO&O that addresses not only TV White Spaces and wireless microphones, but certain other unlicensed spectrum issues as well. The remaining URLs are news stories concerning the MO&O.

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-301650A1.doc
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-174A1.doc

<http://www.televisionbroadcast.com/article/106892>
<http://tinyurl.com/Hillicon-View>

LPTV ANALOG SERVICE TO TENTATIVELY END SOON

More big news. The FCC is proposing that in-core (CH-2 to 51) LPTV stations cease analog operations sometime in 2012 (exact date to be determined), and that no further LPTV operations of any kind be permitted in the CH-52 to 69 out-of-core spectrum after December 31, 2011. See para. 10 & 22 at the second URL:

Broadcasting & Cable story:
<http://tinyurl.com/LPTV-DTV-Switch>

Official FCC Verbiage:
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-172A1.doc

Statement of Commissioner Copps:
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-172A2.doc

THE END OF FRANKEN FMs MAY BE NEAR

It appears that when Channel 6 LPTV stations are forced to switch to digital mode (tentatively in 2012), Franken FMs will become history. No longer will Channel 6 LPTVs be able to exploit what they believed was a legal loophole that allowed them to use their aural carriers (near 87.7 MHz) as de facto FM broadcast stations.

With DTV transmissions, there are no aural carriers. The video and aural signals are transmitted together in one large data block. So far, the broadcast industry does not seem to be shedding a single tear over the demise of Franken FMs.

The article that follows is somewhat outdated (4/23/10) but does address the Franken FM issue. <http://www.rwonline.com/article/99758> (all: CGC Communicator Sept 28 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. FCC and THREE LETTER CALL SIGNS --- Here's my understanding of current Commission policy - all informal, mind you, since there's nothing anywhere in the rules about three-letter calls:

You CAN:

- Add other services to an existing three-letter base call in the same market. If you already own WBZ(AM) in Boston, you can change any co-owned station in Boston to WBZ-FM just for the asking. If you own WJZ-TV in Baltimore, you can change the calls of co-owned stations in Baltimore to WJZ(AM) and WJZ-FM. The most recent such example is last week's addition of WGY-FM in Albany.

- Move a three-letter base call from one station to another co-owned station in the same market. If you own 1330 and 1240 in Wichita and you want to move the KFH calls from one facility to the other, you can do it.

- Share a three-letter base call among separate owners on separate services in the same market. If you own WLS-TV, WLS(AM) and WLS-FM, you can sell WLS(AM) and WLS-FM to new owners and allow them to keep the three-letter calls.

(This practice was not always permitted; as recently as the 80s, the FCC did not allow three-letter calls, or any calls for that matter, to be shared among owners. That's why KOB(AM) and KOB-FM became KKOB/KKOB-FM when they were sold separately from KOB-TV, for instance.)

-Sell a three-letter call station to a new owner, who can keep those calls.

You CANNOT:

-Resurrect a three-letter call that you've given up in the past. If you (or your station's previous ownership) changed your calls from KOL to KMPS, or from KHJ to KRTH, you can't come back to the FCC 25 years later and ask to go back to KOL or KHJ --- unless you have some decent political connections or a good excuse, which is how KHJ became KHJ again. The FCC seems to go back and forth on this one - sometimes they're very willing to allow resurrections (KRE in 1972, for instance), and other times they're very strict. It all depends on how good your lawyer is and who they (or you) know inside the Commission's staff.

There was never a "requirement" that KOL or KMO "add a K in front" - it was just the easiest way for the owners to get a call as close as possible to the old three-letter call that was no longer available.

-Move a three-letter call from market to market, or share a three-letter call from market to market. WOR(AM) in New York can't get WOR-FM for its sister station in Hartford, for instance. This one appears to be pretty close to ironclad. There were some three-letter calls that moved around in the 1930s (WGL was in New York before it was in Fort Wayne, for instance), but since then the only move was the 1965 "undo" of the 1956 KYW move from Philadelphia to Cleveland, and that was an **extremely** special case.

-Get a new three-letter base call. If you want to make your new station "WSF" or "WDS," it's not going to happen. The last time the FCC issued a brand-new three-letter base call was 1930, for WIS in South Carolina. The last sorta-new three-letter call was KUT(FM) in Austin in 1958, and that was a "resurrection" of an earlier use of the same call in the market. That all make sense? s (Scott Fybush, NY, Sept 27, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. On 30 September four Radio Disney stations will go silent. WDDZ-550 in Providence, RI, WDZK-1550 in Hartford, CT, WBWL-600 in Jacksonville, FL and WDRD-680 Louisville, KY. All will go off at midnight (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, 24 Sept, IRCA via DXLD)

Out of curiosity, what's the reason? (John Sampson, *ibid.*)

All four up for sale (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, *ibid.*)

I remember when KALY Albuquerque dropped Radio Disney just after we toured their studios at last year at the IRCA convention. I guess it's

like anything else nowadays. If it isn't making enough money just take an ax to it (Mike Sanburn, *ibid.*)

Radio Disney never made money on its own. From day one in 1996, it was a promotional tool for the larger Disney empire --- and back then, a network of AM stations in small and medium markets was a pretty good (and fairly cheap) way to get visibility for it.

But the one-two punch of new distribution channels (satellite radio, streaming audio) and the decline of AM has made it less crucial for Disney to be on the AM airwaves --- which is why we're seeing these stations start to get sold off. The first round was back in January, when they spun off Albuquerque, Norfolk, Greensboro, Tulsa and Fort Myers. I suspect next week's round won't be the last; but I also don't think they're going to be too hasty about shutting down big-market outlets like 1560 in NYC or 1110 in LA. s (Scott Fybush, NY, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 690, KANSAS, KGGF, Coffeyville. 0957-1000 September 25, 2010. Orchestral Star Spangled Banner, maybe live male, "KGGF... 10,000 watts... serving Kansas, Oklahoma... northwest Arkansas... from downtown Coffeyville..." Very good, and over Radio Progreso. Coffeyville is located extreme southeast Kansas, a couple of miles across the Okie border but otherwise nowhere (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Surely not a station which axually signs on consequently off! Guess they just play the SSB before 5 am daily? (gh, nowhere else, DXLD)

** U S A. WARD QUAAL DIES AT 91 --- Inside Radio September 27, 2010

Broadcast pioneer and former WGN, Chicago president Ward Quaal, one of the first announcers to break the news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, has died at the age of 91. Best known for running WGN radio and TV in the '50s and '60s, Quall is credited with elevating the stations to "iconoclastic status in the broadcasting industry." (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) Would you believe, iconic? (gh) obit

** U S A. Unusually tuning across MW on a Saturday evening, UT Sept 26 at 0339, surprised to hear something other than talk on KMOX 1120: ``Laura``, and soon break by DJ in ``Johnny Rabbitt's Route 66 on KMOX``. Also mentioned the KMOX Wax Museum; more oldies, classic rock, with extensive comments from Mr. Rabbitt, who used to be on KXOK 630.

There was IBOC noise fading up and down, coming from KFAB 1110, but KMOX gives it right back to KFAB listeners with its own IBOC, also bothering KWKH 1130 Shreveport LA.

So later I find the KMOX program schedule, which shows quite a bit of

variety, but what is CBS, once a reputable news network, doing, propagating Rush Limbaugh? Here's the full sked, in CDT = UT -5.
<http://kmox.cbslocal.com/programming-schedule/>

WEEKDAYS

12:00 AM	5:00 AM	Jon Grayson
5:00 AM	9:00 AM	Total Information AM
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Charlie Brennan
11:00 AM	2:00 PM	Rush Limbaugh
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Mark Reardon
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Total Information PM
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Dave Sinclair Automotive Group Sports Open Line
8:00 PM	12:00 AM	John Carney

SATURDAYS

12:00 AM	5:00 AM	Ralph Graczak
5:00 AM	8:00 AM	Total Information AM Saturday
8:00 AM	11:00 AM	KMOX Garden Hotline with Mike Miller
11:00 AM	2:00 PM	KMOX Home Improvement Show with Scott Mosby
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	KMOX Money Show with Mike Brown
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	KMOX Auto Show with Greg Damon
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Voices of the Game with Dan McLaughlin
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	The Comedy Show with John Carney
8:00 PM	1:00 AM	Route 66 on KMOX with Johnny Rabbitt

SUNDAYS

1:00 AM	5:00 AM	KMOX Radio Theatre
5:00 AM	6:00 AM	This Week in Religion / Mormon Tabernacle Choir
6:00 AM	7:00 AM	CBS News Weekend Roundup
7:00 AM	10:00 AM	Total Information AM Sunday
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Sports on a Sunday Morning with Ron Jacober
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Golf Show with Dan Reardon
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Voices of the Game with Dan McLaughlin
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Real Estate Today with Gil Gross
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Dollars and Sense with Dave Simons
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Around the World in 60 Minutes with Michael Dixon
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Inside Baseball with Dan McLaughlin
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Charlie Brennan's St. Louis
9:00 PM	11:00 PM	John Carney Sundays
11:00 PM	12:00 AM	Meet the Press with David Gregory

Note that they are no longer carrying 60 Minutes CBS-TV soundtrack at 6 pm Sundays, and incredibly, they are carrying NBC's Meet the Press, but apparently not CBS' Face the Nation, unless that's part of the 7-10 AM Sunday show (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MW station with wrong ID --- Just recently I checked 1160 WCXI Fenton Mich, a country station to find it playing really great

oldies. but the station ID says WPON Walled Lake, Mich.

WPON is on 1460; the FCC listing shows 1 entry for WCXI on 1160 and 1 entry for WPON on 1460. Both are owned by the Birach Broadcasting Corp, so I'm guessing the audio from WPON is being routed to WCXI without changing the call sign or location. Both run 1 kW or less; can't find any additional info on what happened to WCXI. Maybe the staff got laid off.

One or both stations are worth listening to, on the web,
<http://WWW.WPON.COM> For logging these stations, I would still use WCXI for 1160 until the FCC changes the call sign, in the future.
(Byron wa8lcz, Sep 22, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. Just as I tuned by 1470, Sept 24 at 1233, heard ``NewsTalk 1470, KYYW`` ID but no location, back to Bill Bennett. Thank you very much, no need to listen more than a few seconds for his nonsense. KYYW is in Abilene TX, maybe first time logged here.

O, I am sure I heard it sesquidecades ago under original calls KRBC, which ended on 10/30/1984, and since then has had six other calls, the current ones starting 6/24/2004, as conveniently compiled by FCC at http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/cdbs/pubacc/prod/call_hist.pl?Facility_id=40997&Callsign=KYYW
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1690.05, (MIS), Pinellas County Emergency Management, Largo. This one has been back with audio for a few days now. Telco audio, female reader with traffic construction locations in central Pinellas, motorcycle safety reminder, etc. Still off-frequency, causing an annoying sub-audible het (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, Florida Low Power Radio Stations:
<http://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/>
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Some regional tropo, Sept 25 at 1410 UT, as predicted by Bill Hepburn's maps: but nothing further than RF21, DTV 40-1 KHSB-DT with bug ei over ABC in the upper right. That's Fort Smith AR, barely out of OK, but needs some tropo to come in at all. I tried several times to get a 40-2 to come up, but there wasn't any. Both rabbitears and W9WI.com list CW for that (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

September 24 Late Night TV DX (10:30pm-Midnight)
Kansas, NE Oklahoma, SW Missouri, NW Arkansas

I arrived home after a local HS football game and while hearing some signs of tropo on the car radio and feeling a slight change in the air didn't think much of things until the converter box tuned to (and

antenna pointed at) WXVT 15 wasn't decoding WXVT at all but at 10:30 pm was decoding another channel 15 station -- in Fayetteville AR. It was then "off to the races" after a quick check of RF 50 revealing a decode of KNWA Rogers AR. Here is the log from last night September 24

Callsign COL RF ch Time (24h CDT)
Notes, PSIP #, etc * -- New Log

KHOG Fayetteville AR 15 2230
PSIP 29-1 (KHOG ABC), 29-2 (CW+)

KNWA Rogers AR 50 2232
PSIP 50-1 (KNWA NBC), 50-2 (// KFTA Ft Smith AR FOX)

KTKA Topeka KS 49 2234
PSIP 49-1 (KTKA ABC), 49-2 (KTKA WX), 49-3 (CW+)

KMTW* Hutchinson KS 35 2234
PSIP 36-1 (KMTW MyNet) "My TV Wichita"

KPBI Eureka Springs AR 34 2235
PSIP 34-1 (KPBI RTV), 34-2 (// KXUN Ft Smith AR UNIVS)

KSAS* Wichita KS 26 2235
PSIP 24-1 (KSAS FOX) "FOX Kansas"

KSNF Joplin MO 46 2236
PSIP 16-1 (KSNF NBC)

KODE Joplin MO 43 2236
PSIP 12-1 (KODE ABC)

KMBC Kansas City MO 29 2236
PSIP-only log (decoded "9-2" in scan)

KFSM Fort Smith AR 18 2236
PSIP 5-1 (KFSM CBS), 5-2 (Local news loop/My Net) PEST

KOOD* Hays KS 16 2243
PSIP 9-1 (KOOD PBS/Smoky Hills Public Television) SDTV feed,
9-2 (HDTV feed of SHPT), 9-3 off air static slide same for 9-4

KQCW Muskogee OK 20 2246
PSIP 19-1 (KQCW CW) "Tulsa CW"

KDOR Bartlesville OK 17 2246
PSIP 17-1 (TBN), 17-2 (Church Ch), 17-3 (JCTV), 17-4 (Enlace)

17-5 (Smile Of A Child)

KAKE Wichita KS 21 2247
PSIP 10-1 (KAKE ABC)---Digital Replacement "Translator"

not primary RF 10 signal of KAKE, verified via onscreen menu of converter. NOT a new log since logged previously on RF 21 back in 2008.

KSNW* Wichita KS 45 2248
PSIP 3-1 (KSNW NBC)

KPTS* Hutchinson KS 8 2301
PSIP 8-1(KPTS PBS pri ch en HD), 8-2 (KPTS "Explore" en stretchovision), 8-3 (PBS Create)

KTWU Topeka KS 11 2302
PSIP-Only Log (decoded 11-2 in scan)

KOZK Springfield MO 23 2304
PSIP 21-1 (KOZK PBS/OPT), 21-2 (OPT Ed), 21-3 (PBS Create)

KWCH* Hutchinson KS 19 2316
PSIP 12-1 (KWCH CBS), 12-2 (KWCH WX)

KMYT Tulsa OK 42 2318
PSIP 41-1 (KMYT My Net), 41-2 (Untamed TV)

Some observations. KSAS, and Smoky Hills Public Television (KOOD) use *actual* RF channels in their station ID slides/videos instead of remapped PSIP. However KSAS sister station KMTW uses its PSIP channel in the station ID slide.

Smoky Hills Public Television has a long HS Football scoreboard show showing footage of Central and Western KS HSFB games seen in progress at 10:43 pm and ending at 11:30 pm Central.

As noted, the KAKE reception (RF 21) was of its "Digital Replacement Translator" (actually its original DTV channel) to supplement primary KAKE VHF channel 10.

New Logs: KWCH, KPTS, KSNW, KOOD, KSAS, KMTW.

-- -- (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw
<http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com> <http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV> WTFDA via DXLD)

**** U S A. PURGES ON CNN AND NBC AMID AUDIENCE LOSSES**

Jon Klein exits CNN, Jeff Zucker out at NBC amid prime-time losses

<http://www.wtop.com/?nid=114&sid=2061463>

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Election-2010/Vox-News/2010/0924/Jeff-Zucker-out-at-NBC-Jon-Klein-exits-CNN-amid-prime-time-losses>

If interested, google this story up.

A few hours ago the Russian News Agency Novosti reported that CNN now has a weekly audience of 640,000 viewers. "There must be some kind of mistake," - I thought. Sure enough, it's a weekday average. But the crisis of (more or less) objective news and traditional TV programming is now more evident than ever (Sergei S., Russia, Sept 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As for CNN is that CNN USA or CNN International. Both networks are different. They never seem to mention which one (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ibid.)

**** VATICAN [non].** 9830, VR via CANADA, Monday Sept 27 at 1209 check, RTTY and Spanish talk over music. NOT ENGLISH as supposedly scheduled at 1200 after 1130 Spanish. Despite my reporting this numerous times, this info has still not penetrated such references as the English-only Prime Time Shortwave,

<http://home.centurytel.net/danielsampson/country.txt>

which still shows:

Vatican City Vatican R. 1200-1230 Am, M-Sa 9830

And it was never half an hour either, but only 12 minutes. Since VR fails to publish out-times of its transmissions, one must guess, and this guess was wrong. There is no substitute for real monitoring, but is anyone paying attention? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** VENEZUELA [and non].** RADIO FRANCIA RECHAZA RESPUESTA DE CHÍVEZ A SU CORRESPONSAL

La corresponsal de RFI, Andreína Flores, solicitó al mandatario nacional en la noche de ayer que explicara a qué se debía que la oposición política obtuviera menos diputaciones aún y cuando la número de votos totales era mayor al del oficialismo.

OCARINA ESPINOZA | EL UNIVERSAL <http://bit.ly/b6sD0s>
martes 28 de septiembre de 2010 09:21 AM

Caracas.- A través de un comunicado difundido por medio de su página web, Radio Francia Internacional (RTFI), rechazó la conducta y respuesta dada por el presidente Hugo Chávez a la periodista Andreína

Flores, corresponsal de la emisora en Caracas.

Andreína Flores solicitó al mandatario nacional en la noche de ayer, durante una rueda de prensa realizada con los medios internacionales, que explicara a que se debía que la oposición política obtuviera menos diputaciones aún y cuando la número de votos totales era mayor al del oficialismo.

RFI señala en el comunicado que la pregunta no está alejada del código de Ética por el que se rigen todos los profesionales de esta emisora.

"En su respuesta, usted cuestionó a nuestra corresponsal Andreína Flores, quien trabaja para RFI desde hace varios años. Ella ha efectuado numerosos reportajes en Venezuela y en otros países de América Latina. RFI es garante de la calidad profesional y de la honestidad intelectual de su periodista".

Desmiente asimismo las declaraciones del presidente Hugo Chávez según las cuales ha pedido en otras oportunidades explicaciones a Radio Francia Internacional por informaciones "falsas" difundidas.

"Queremos precisarle que ningún pedido de este tipo, formulado por usted o su gobierno, ha llegado a RFI. Le recordamos que RFI es una radio internacional basada en París y que forma parte del sistema Audiovisual Exterior de Francia, un organismo público sometido a un código de Ética que se aplica a todos sus programas y al que obedecen todos sus corresponsales en el mundo", reza el comunicado.

Invitan al presidente Hugo Chávez a conceder una entrevista al medio para aclarar para expresar lo que desee.
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. 6060, RNV via CUBA, Sept 25 at 1108 YL with 'news' in English, far too literally translated from Spanish that it's laughable. Not only that, but it's in newspaper-style rather than radio-style. These propagandists still have a lot to learn. Anyhow, so this is one of the transmissions that is partly in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6297, RASD, Rabouni [ALGERIA]. Fair strength but noisy signal of male intoning. Brief announcements in Arabic-like language 0640, 17/9 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony 2001D with 7m vertical antenna), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD) Poor with Arabic chanting, CW QRM at 2238 on 23/9 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535 Ewe and Folded Dipole), Oct Australian DX News via DXLD)

6250, RNGE, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, on the air Sept 24, still weakly audible in presumed Spanish at 0607; while SASASAM, was much stronger

with usual chantfest on 6297.1. Don't often hear both of them at once (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 6015 or 11735 not heard Sunday 19th, Monday 20th or Wednesday 22nd evening at 1800+/- 73 thorsten (Hallmann, Münster, Germany, www.africalist.de.ms Sept 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6015, RTZ, *0257, Sept 29. Suddenly on with repetitive IS; 0300 announcer; 0301 reciting from the Qur'ān; poor; has been a while since I last heard their IS, which certainly is not on every day (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 4828, Voice of Zimbabwe, Gweru. September, 24 0358-0411 African music, sometimes male in English talks on music, ithubis is Voice of Zimbabwe. Het, static 22332 (L'cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m; Longwire 22m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4828, Voice of Zimbabwe, Guinea-fowl, 2123-2136, 24 Sep'10, English, African pops, talks; 35332, but lowish modulation. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. CLANDESTINE, 4895, Zimbabwe Community R, Meyerton, AFS, 1841-1852 (s/off just a few minutes afterwards), 23 Sep'10, vernacular, talks; 45343. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. ZIMBABWE EXILE BROADCASTER TO HALT NEWS VIA SMS

SW Radio Africa, a UK-based exile Zimbabwean radio and multimedia operation, has announced that it is to halt its SMS news service.

In a message sent to users on 27 September, SW Radio Africa said: "We regret that due to lack of funding the last SMS news will be Fri 01 Oct. Service will resume as soon as new funds are available. Keep safe. SWRA 4880 kHz" Source: SW Radio Africa text message, London, in English 27 Sep 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Mystery transmission on 225 kHz: I've just sent the following query to Arqiva's press office:

Over the past few days, listeners in the Midlands have heard test transmissions on 225 kHz longwave. Are you able to confirm that Arqiva was conducting the tests? If so, are you able to confirm the location of your transmitter?

If Arqiva could publicise such tests in advance, a network of radio

hobbyists across the UK would be happy to provide you with reception reports which your engineers might find useful (Chris Greenway, Sept 22, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 650.55, (Central American). 1026-1034 September 26, 2010. Weak with Spanish vocals, lots of WSM splatter. Suspect the best candidate is one of the listed Hondurans on 650 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 729.93, CENTRAL AMERICAN, 1022-1031 September 25, 2010. Someone here, weak and squeezed by Progreso and others on 730. Traces of Spanish vocals followed by marimbas. Hmmm (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1098, only carrier on a trans-Pacific/Region 3 frequency I could detect in a complete MW bandscan, Sept 27 around 1235, close to local sunrise. Looped from the NW on the DX-398, presumably Marshall Islands. Need to do this a semihour earlier, or much earlier for them to be outputting any audio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also JAPAN

Hearing a huge signal, but low modulation on Radio Marshalls on 1098. Tonga was there a bit on 1017, while Tahiti on 738 was very anemic. Kiribati was pretty good on 846. What really shone was the large number of Australians present. Best to everyone!? (Walt Salmaniwi, Haida Gwaili, BC, 24 Sept, IRCA via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1490.25, 1108-1114 September 26, 2010. Just a carrier audible, something Central American? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. I sometimes check out the hi end of the MW band late at night, using the same E-W longwire to the FRG-7 as for SW. Something strange, Sept 23 at 0635 UT I was hearing a het of about 1 kHz on KOKC 1520, from 1521 --- that's too late for Saudi Arabia, which is commonly audible earlier. And a het of almost, but not quite the same pitch, from 1539 against jumble of signals including an open carrier on 1540.

These do happen to be Region 1 MW channels, but such a pair is suspicious, as if a station on 1530 were running a 9 kHz tone test, or spurs of the same frequency. The 1521 and 1539 signals were fading, so not an artifact of some local appliance, altho 1539 was somewhat unstable judging from the pitch fluxuation. 1539/1540 het pitch was slightly higher than the 1521/1520 het, so if they were coming from a 1530 transmitter, it was slightly on the lo side. Could not make out any audio from them. I also scanned down to 1200 and did not hear any other 'TA' hets. Ideas? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or could these have been from Asia, Pacific? Really too early for that area, and no powerful transmitters on those frequencies.

Interesting. Using Google Earth I walked back in time and viewed the grayline at 0635 UT on the 23rd. West Africa is still in darkness, as is the western half of Europe. Across the Pacific some areas are close to dusk/sunset, like Eastern Siberia, and the grayline runs down the spine of Kamchatka, and is crossing New Zealand, New Caledonia, and Vanuatu. By this time the Marshall islands and a few others are also in dark. All of Australia is in daylight, as is the case all the way eastward across Indochina and the rest of Asia and most of Africa. Strange indeed (Brent Taylor, VY2HF, Stratford, PEI, Canada, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I suspect what Glenn had was domestically produced or perhaps from a Mexican on 1530. Spain on 1521 and 1539 are possible at this time of the morning, but these weakish signals getting into OK wouldn't be usual without others further north and east having said something about them, and more importantly other high end Spain signals would have been noted. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL/WI, ibid.)

Duba 27 26'39.30"N 35 35'26.37"E:

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=27%C2%B026%2739.30%22N++35%C2%B035%2726.37%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.253434,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=27.444954,35.593343&spn=0.013273,0.027874&t=h&z=16
73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I listen daily between about 0600 and 0800 UT but I have never knowingly heard Duba 1521 between those times, and I'm sure that it would be easily recognisable if it was audible. The dominant signal then is usually Gatwick-UK (covering Reigate/Crawley) which, despite being listed with only 640 watts, can tip the S meter over 9 here during the autumn, winter and spring period. But weaker in summertime. It does receive strong competition from WWKB 1520 when TA conditions prevail.

And have you noticed that Duba only broadcasts between 1500-0600, according to the current WRTH. Programme G from Duba is shown on 594 at 0300-1500 also with 2 MW, so do they have two 2 MW at Duba, or is it the same transmitter and the timings are wrong? I don't see why Duba wouldn't be audible with you at 0212, but at 0635?

1539 here is dominated by Mainflingen-D - and not audible during summer daytime. TA compenion on 1540 comes mainly from CHIN, but other USA stations are also heard depending on TA propagation (Noel R. Green (NW England), Sept 25, DX LISTENING DIGET)

1521, het on KOKC 1520, Sept 24 at 0212, surely Saudi Arabia, which if nothing else penetrates the North Atlantic darkness. Reminds me that the night before I was also getting such a het at the very late hour of 0635 UT, which led me to dispense with SA as a source and look for another explanation, such as a spur or tone test from a domestic 1530 station, especially since there was another one like it on 1539. Now at 0212, there is no 1539, so putting that aside, I am rethinking this.

Early reception from East Asia or Pacific might be possible in winter, but now it just seems too early, and there are no powerful 1521 or 1539 transmitters in those areas.

0635 has to be long after sunrise anywhere in Saudi Arabia, but just where is Duba, the site of 1521? Would you believe it doesn't rate a dot on the WRTM map of the Middle East? O yeah, that's for SW sites only, but there is a lot of blank space in SA. One of my atlas collextion quickly locates it in the NW corner, just across from the tip of Sinai, and it's right on the coast, which makes it the best possible site to reach Europe and beyond.

So when is sunrise there? Little Duba is also unrecognized as of any significance by Gaisma.com but there is a listing for a city not too far away, Tabuk: <http://www.gaisma.com/en/location/tabuk-sa.html> which shows 0623 local = 0323 UT.

Considering that this is the most powerful MW station in the world, 2 megawatts, could it still be penetrating by skywave three hours after sunrise through sheer brute force? It is after all, routinely reported at least two hours before sunset along east coast North America, right?

The great circle path from Duba to Enid crosses Brussels, Manchester, Belfast, so in those locations of the UK or vicinity, just how late at this time of year can you still hear BSKSA on 1521? If it gets that far still at 0635 UT, then it could also reach here. Blocked by anything? WRTM frequency list has only: two stations under 1 kW in UK, one each 5 kW in Spain, 27 kW in Russia, 100 kW in Iran (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Duba is at coordinates (27 20'N 35 45'E) on the Red Sea coast, just south of al-Muwaylih and north of Qal'at-al-Azlam, in Tabuk state/province. The 1521 signal at 0635 is indeed a mystery. 1539 could be Germany as the more northern latitude stations can peak at that time, though 0635 seems a little bit too late for Germany. The only transatlantic region common to both 1521 and 1539 that's heard here would be Spain (Bruce Conti, www.bamlog.com MWDX yg via DXLD)

There is also Classic Gold from the Brighton area of the UK, it would be a long shot because their power is just 1 kilowatt (Paul, New Zealand, MWDX yg via DXLD)

Since I was not getting any other suspect carriers besides 1539, I would really rule out all those low-power European possibilities (gh)

Glenn - 2 MW, three hours post sunrise, throw in some salt water and it is certainly possible. The majority of the path would be in darkness, 2 MW over salt water might still bring a pretty heavy signal into the "twilight" zone. I'm recalling how in December I can get plenty of skywave in the middle of the day. For example, listening to 1580 CKDO in Oshawa ON, running 10 kW, during the lunch hour (Phil VY2PR Rafuse, PEI, ABDX via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, I checked my Perseus recordings at 0600 UT this morning and yesterday morning (I was still asleep at the time!), and have a weak carrier on 1521 kHz off the back of my US east coast beverage. However, it is more likely to be from one or both of the UK local stations rather than Saudi Arabia, which has a completely daylight path at this time. There is also a 5 kW station in Spain on the channel, which is normally audible during the daytime in winter. The carrier I see is 20 dB below the carrier level for 1520 WWKB, which is strong at this time, and whose modulation swamps 1521 kHz. I don't have an eastward-pointing antenna, so I can't do any comparisons. Listening now at 0939 UT, I still have a carrier on 1521 kHz 20 dB below the level it was at 0600, which is the same on both my North American antennas.

Conditions to North America and Mexico have been very good in recent weeks between 0500 and 0700 UTC, with many less common low-power stations being heard from the eastern and mid-western states (though not quite as far as Oklahoma from this QTH). Unless you are capturing any modulation which might lead to a contrary view, I would have thought the UK or Spanish stations were the most likely source of the het you were getting. Hope this helps, Best wishes, (Martin A. Hall, Clashmore, Scotland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi end of AM broadcast band --- I want to report what I'm hearing per Glenn Hauser's report of strange tones and hets in this range of frequencies. I tuned from 0439 until 0522 UT on September 24, 2010. I heard no test tones in this range. I listened to KHRW, Sikeston, MO on 1520 and tuned off to 1521 and didn't hear tones. WDJZ on 1530 religious with an ESPN station underneath. 1540, Waterloo, Iowa. I tuned to 1539 and heard a het underneath them. On and near 1550 I was hearing a weak signal in Spanish. Cuba? There is a mish mash of broadcasting in this range making identification of broadcasters difficult. In the mess a couple of times I could hear unidentifiable

weak foreign broadcasting. I don't know if this information is helpful or not.

Off topic but I'm not familiar with the regions. Is North America including Canada region 1? Thank you in anticipation of replies, Wishing good DX to all (Rich Brock, Beaver, PA (near Pittsburgh), 0605 UT Sept 24, HCDX via DXLD)

Region one is Europe, Africa and Mideast. Region 2 is all of the Americas. Region 3 is the rest of the world, Asia and Pacific. The het underneath KXEL might be significant, but we don't have much to go on

1521, checked almost 24 hours later, Sept 24 at 0600, no carrier, or het audible on KOKC 1520; nor 1539. I am still hoping MW DXers in northern UK will comment on whether the 2000 kW Saudi Arabian from Duba is still audible there as late as 0635 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Saturday 25 September 2010. This morning I woke at 0545 and checked 1521 until about 0610 when I dozed off. I didn't hear anything at all apart from static. I checked again at 0640-0652 and again heard nothing apart from static. Earlier at 0034 there was a good signal from Saudi Arabia with nice Arab music which sent me off to sleep. I'm not in the least surprised that I heard nothing on 1521 at this time as from 2005-2009 I used to have a 10-15 minute quick scan of medium wave on the car radio before I set off for work at 0635 local time every weekday. In those 4 years I never heard any signals from the Middle East or North Africa on medium wave even if earlier that day during the night or the previous evening there had been good signals. Regards (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1712, 0858+ September 25, 2010. Weak carrier on 1710, probably one of the New England ethno-pirates, but also noticed a carrier here, full AM. Still there 1124 recheck, but gone 1240 visit (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. I heard a station in a strange language at 0104 on 4290 am mode announcements by OM sounding like tribal language; this could be from Africa perhaps. It sounded like Arabic to me. This was when I scanned and heard other stations (Noble West, Brainman media, Clinton TN, 2332 UT Sept 24, DXLDYG via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Date? Assuming it is not some phantom from SW, 4290 could be 3 x 1430; anything domestic like that on the MW channel? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4695-USB, Sept 29 at 0537, tonal talk sounds like

Chinese; monolog at first seemed scripted like a broadcast/feeder, but then interrupted by 2-way contacts. Of the 28,534 posts currently in the UDXF yg, not a single hit, searching on 4695 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. SVO TOM... E PRÕNCIPE (?) 6313, VoA, possibly via Pinheira, or then via Botswana (DF = SEast), 1846-..., 26 Sep'10, English to Africa, African music followed by some report on the UNO; this is probably some transmitter spur, bad modulation; \\ 4930 Pinheira, STP. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17505-USB, 2-way Spanish, Sept 28 at 1407 with conversation going on quite a while, still at 1414 but not at next check 1435. One station, presumably aboardship, has engine noise in background. It's even stronger than the other one, presumably on land. As usual, I wish native speakers would monitor these and divine what they are really about, but no one ever does and reports it.

Heard the word `floteo` mentioned several times; not in my dixonary, nor in Google's altho that does not keep them from mispronouncing it. Presumably has something to do with floating, as in holding up nets? Also mentioned Colima, the city/state on Pacific coast of Mexico west of the DF (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Glenn, you probably know this, but in case not, R Sweden will cease on MW/SW on 10/31/10. The mass exodus of SW broadcasters depresses me. Sure, the internet is cheaper and easier for them, but is it really broadcasting? I live for my radio hobby; what times these are. Thanks for your service! (Chuck Ermatinger, via PayPal)

Chuck and two from last issue acknowledged in WOR 1532 (gh)

Thanks as always for all the killer info in dxld -- happy end of Sept. & beginning of Oct. 73 (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA)

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W/K CALL LETTER HISTORY [see also CANADA; U S A]

Ran across this site while looking for something else. Some fascinating history and information for those interested.

<http://earlyradiohistory.us/kwtrivia.htm>  
(Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, Sep 26, ABDX via DXLD)

MAN HAS CALL LETTERS TATTOOED ON FOREHEAD

<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news%2Fbizarre&id=7693065>

Man tattoos face after radio station joke  
Tuesday, September 28, 2010

September 28, 2010 (WLS) -- Everyone has regrets in life. But usually those mistakes are not as obvious to everyone else. David Jonathan Winkelman got the call letters and logo for radio station KORB tattooed on his forehead.

The 48-year-old heard the station jokingly offer a six-figure payout for any listeners who dared to do it.

When the station explained that it was just a stunt, Winkelman sued, claiming the station was trying to permanently mark listeners so that they could "be publicly scorned and ridiculed for their greed and lack of common good sense."

The mug shot above is the result of Winkelman's arrest last week in Davenport, Iowa. He's charged with failing to appear in court for operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent.

Winkleman's stepson got the tattoo as well in the same place. But he's had some good luck -- no mug shot.

It gets worse. The radio station has since changed its call letters and switched from hard rock to easy listening (via Tim Kridel, IRCA via DXLD) Not just calls, but full logo (gh, DXLD)

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#### LANGUAGE LESSONS +++++

Re 10-38: ``OR, accept great inefficiency, like "TIS/HAR" stations  
with short poles``

Glenn, And "TIS / HAR" just mean what ?! I know what it means, but  
what about a majority of who reads DXLD, English speakers included?

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But þ propos (if I may use this expression) small LF aerials, they can  
be like those typically short LF antennae used in many, but certainly  
not all!, ndb stns. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, Sept 23, DX  
LISTENING DIGEST)

Once I have explained a term in DXLD, I expect everyone to know it,  
even years later. Perhaps this is unrealistic?

OK, TIS = Travelers Information Station; HAR = Highway Advisory Radio.  
Both use the same kind of equipment, monopoles with solar or AC power  
if available, spottable at intersexions or roadsides, typically on 530  
or 1610 kHz but possible on any MW frequency in the US; 10 watts or  
less.

ndb? Non-direxional beacon, typically the ones on longwave sending  
callsigns and sometimes flight path alignment info in Morse.

Some of my own current abbrs., just repeated here for handy reference:

JBA = just barely audible (referring to signal and/or modulation)  
JBM = just barely modulated (whatever the signal level)

SSOB = strongest station (or signal) on band  
OSOB = only station on the band (heard at the moment)  
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MUSEA  
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HOMENAJE AL RADIOTEATRO Y TELETEATRO EN URUGUAY

Tal material, se presenta aquí (sitio externo):  
<http://www.calameo.com/books/0000801984a32955ebd00>

A partir de este momento se incorpora este material al sitio web del Primer Museo Viviente de la Radio en Uruguay "Gral. Artigas" en <http://www.radiomuseo.org/radioteleteatro.htm> conjuntamente con una serie de archivos de audio alusivos. Confiamos que el material ser· de su interÈs (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, Sept 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF TELEPHONY  
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BBC WORLD SERVICE IN ENGLISH, BBC PERSIAN, BBC SOMALI AND BBC URDU  
RADIO NOW AVAILABLE IN THE US ON ANY MOBILE PHONE

London, 28 September. BBC World Service has further expanded the availability of its live radio broadcasts via mobile phones in the United States. The extension of the BBC's agreement with provider of mobile phone radio distribution in North America, AudioNowTM, means that now, in addition to BBC Arabic radio, BBC World Service's broadcasts in English, Persian, Somali and Urdu are now available across the US via any mobile phone without downloads or data services simply by calling a national access number.

Building on the success of the 24/7 availability of BBC Arabic radio on US phones, launched earlier this year, BBC World Service has added further international radio news programming to the service. The development of partnership between BBC World Service and AudioNow will expand the content for mobile listeners:

BBC World Service in English is now available live to listeners in the US 24 hours a day, every day, by calling 7124326580

on-demand news programming from BBC Persian can be accessed by calling 7124326583

on-demand news programming from BBC Urdu can be accessed by calling 7124326584

on-demand news programming from BBC Somali can be accessed by calling 7124326582.

While the service is free to callers in the US, listeners should check their mobile phone contracts for any additional charges.

Simon Kendall, Head of Business Development, BBC Global News, says: "We are delighted that more BBC World Service multilingual programming is now available to audiences in the US - in English, Persian, Somali or Urdu - thanks to our agreement with AudioNow. While we already

have significant English-speaking and diaspora audiences listening to the BBC via web-streaming on their PCs, this service takes our connectivity to a different level and provides a more flexible and convenient service for audiences. We have been impressed by the take-up of BBC Arabic via the AudioNow service, and this arrangement builds on that success.î

Elan Blutinger, Managing Director of AudioNow, says: îlistening to the BBC in the United States should be as simple as pressing a single speed dial button for the more than 80% of the market that do not access data services on their phones. BBC's rich content will now be available to every mobile phone listener simply by calling a single number without downloads or the need to access data services.î

Commenting on the launch of on-demand Persian, Somali and Urdu broadcasts, AudioNow's Chief Technology Officer, Marcel Barbulescu, says: îThe service was developed in response to the growing demand by mobile listeners for instant access to regularly updated pre-recorded audio programming of sports, news, radio and online news content, without having to download audio files. Our broadcast radio partners can now expand distribution of their pre-recorded audio content including podcasts to any mobile phone, simply, and at virtually no cost.î

For details of programming, go to [bbcworldservice.com](http://bbcworldservice.com); [bbcpersian.com](http://bbcpersian.com); [bbcsomali.com](http://bbcsomali.com); or [bbcuardu.com](http://bbcuardu.com).  
Ends// (BBCWS press release Sept 28, via DXLD)

They did Arabic first to USA? I want my shortwave! (gh, DXLD)

The BBC World Service is now just a phone call away...  
<http://www.radioandmusic.com/content/editorial/news/bbc-expands-its-live-radio-broadcast-handsets-us#story>

I gave the service a try; it's phone line quality but yet another route to hear the World Service (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Sept 28, swprograms via DXLD)

Chalk up yet another non-shortwave way to hear the BBC World Service in the USA. Not sure what schedule is used; when I checked it just now Newshour was on, which is what's on nearly everywhere.

It's just phone line quality, but if one has cell phone service with unlimited air time, it's an option (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Editor, "Easy Listening", 2048 UT Sept 28, NASWA yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ALASKA; ERITREA; GERMANY; NEW  
+++++ ZEALAND; UK [and non]; USA WJHR [non]



DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See also NEW ZEALAND vs DRM  
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Now you can trade out adjacent channel noise makers. - Brock

iBiquity & Citadel Media Team For New HD Radio Upgrade  
September 27, 2010

iBiquity Digital Corporation and Citadel Media today announced a partnership which will enable stations to upgrade to HD Radio broadcasts, while avoiding cash expenditure. Stations will have the opportunity to provide on-air inventory to Citadel Media in exchange for the HD Radio license fee and equipment supplied by Broadcast Electronics, Continental, Harris and Nautel.

"We're seeing exciting progress and continued momentum in the consumer rollout of HD Radio Technology. There are now over fifteen automakers building the technology into more than 85 different vehicle lines, and more than 100 different HD Radio receiver models are available at more than 12,000 retail outlets nationwide," said iBiquity President/CEO Bob Struble. "We've more than doubled HD Radio receiver sales every year for the past several years, creating a growing installed base of listeners and presenting real revenue opportunities for broadcasters. This new marketing agreement will help radio stations upgrade to digital and join the 2,000-plus stations that have already done so."

"This partnership with iBiquity makes it easier than ever for a radio station to enter the digital world," said John Rosso, President of Citadel Media. "HD Radio Technology provides significant benefits that will help stations remain competitive. We're making those benefits available with flexible options on a no-cash, barter basis for broadcasters both large and small." (fmqb.com via Brock Whaley for DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB  
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NEW BOOK PREDICTS FAILURE OF DAB DIGITAL RADIO

iDigital radio switchover is unlikely to ever happen in the UK writes radio specialist Grant Goddard in his new book "DAB Digital Radio: Licensed To Fail" published on 1 October 2010 by Radio Books in the UK and US.

Mr Goddard uncovers a secret deal struck between the government and the UK commercial radio industry to force DAB radio upon the British public. In return for the radio industry promising to press ahead with

DAB, the government bowed to pressure from the largest commercial group to amend the law so that its most profitable national FM radio licence could be renewed without a public auction.

Mr Goddard also exposes a wealth of inaccurate and distorted data published by radio industry lobbyists as part of their campaign to convince the government and consumers that take-up of DAB radio has been a success in the UK and overseas.

However, while the radio industry was assuring the government of its commitment to DAB as the future of radio, Grant Goddard's book reveals that the largest commercial radio group was quietly closing its digital radio stations and selling off its investments in DAB radio licences.

Goddard estimates that the UK radio industry's investment to date in the DAB radio system is almost £1 billion and has contributed significantly to the current lack of profitability in the commercial radio sector. He concludes that UK radio's misplaced faith in European DAB technology has destroyed the viability of much of the UK's previously profitable local commercial radio industry.

Written as diary entries between 2008 and 2010, Mr Goddard's 314-page book uses charts and graphs to chronicle a critical period in DAB radio's implementation in the UK. The government had launched a number of initiatives intended to solve the problem of slow consumer take-up of DAB radio – the Digital Radio Working Group, the Digital Britain consultation, Digital Radio Upgrade and the Digital Economy Bill. The book documents these efforts and their culmination in the last-minute legislation of the Digital Economy Act during the final days of the outgoing Labour government in 2010.

Author Grant Goddard is a London-based media analyst specialising in the radio broadcasting sector. For thirty years, he has worked in the radio industry as a senior manager and consultant, in the UK and overseas, and has written extensively about the radio business for consumer and trade magazines.

\* More information on the Radio Books website

<http://www.radiobooks.org/>

(Source: Radio Books) (September 26th, 2010 - 11:14 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Medi Network blog via DXLD)

7 Comments on iNew book predicts failure of DAB Digital Radio

1. #1 Roy Sandgren on Sep 26th, 2010 at 18:59

In the name of freedom of speech, all bands are needed to be in use of broadcasting. In the freedom of competition all broadcasting bands

will be needed.

All broadcasting bands below 30 MHz = AM/DRM.  
Band I = DRM+.  
Band II = FM/DRM+.  
Band III = DAB/DABPLUS/DMB.  
Band IV/V = radio via TV.  
Band L-band = DAB/DABPLUS/DMB and satellite radio.

A broadcaster has the right to use all these bands to get a licence of broadcasting radio.

2. #2 Paul Vincent Zecchino on Sep 27th, 2010 at 02:24  
Digital Radio (DRM) and its US counterpart, HD, are akin to brothers and sisters whose parents were themselves brothers and sisters.

The result of this digital miscegenation is a corkscrew-tailed, noisome freak which screeches, buzzes and dumps its digital trash all over our formerly pristine broadcast bands. Citizens own the airwaves, not some inane "public-private partnership" - in more plainspoken times, they called that fascism.

HD and DRM spring from greed, lies, and coercions, which explains why all the underhanded "deals" are necessary to pimp this doomed scheme off on an unsuspecting citizenry.

No matter. BigGov and BigRadio can "partner" to force digital garbage all over the radio spectrum, but can they force citizens to listen?

We can vote with our feet and our checkbooks. BigGov and BigRadio want HD and DRM. We don't.

Free markets win the day. Look for HD and DRM to join the Trabant and other soviet command economy gems on the ashheap of history, real soon. Paul Vincent Zecchino, Manasota Key, Florida, 26 September, 2010

3. #3 Roy Sandgren on Sep 27th, 2010 at 10:37  
Paul, DRM is great on the 11-m band and shortwave. Got DRM in my car and SW programs are better audio than in AM.

4. #4 Tim Jinkerson on Sep 27th, 2010 at 11:52  
Personally, DAB works fine for me, but I agree that it is failing and will fail. How many of us have WiFi at home? I would say most people under the age of 60. And with WiFi you get a massive choice of stations, and no aerial, no putting the receiver on the window ledge to get reception. I work from home, and if I want to listen to the radio, I just stream it off the web. Web streaming may be expensive for a

station, but it is nowhere near the cost of establishing a national digital network - and when the technology changes, it's just a software upgrade. All I need now is a wifi radio alarm clock.

5. #5 Roy Sandgren on Sep 27th, 2010 at 13:34

If there was a future in on-line streaming all radio stations had been switched off today. If you listening to an on-line radio with lot of ads, it is a relay of an am fm dab+ radio station on the web.

6. #6 Anthony on Sep 28th, 2010 at 09:50

DAB is rubbish; reception is so mixed with high variability in various areas of the UK, sound quality is less than CD and worse than FM and the number of stations on it is too many for comfort.

7. #7 Roy Sandgren on Sep 28th, 2010 at 09:58

Yes, dab is crap, but dab+ is a little better. Soon as one dab national is running out of licence, there will be 2 dab+ instead, step by step. This in England and many other dab countries (Media Network blog comments via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See CANADA; OKLAHOMA; USA

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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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FCC MOVING TO KILL TV DXING --- FILLING UP 'WHITE SPACES'

[http://www.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2010/db0923/DOC-301650A1.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db0923/DOC-301650A1.pdf)

What happened today sounds even worse than what I was expecting. As Bill H. recently mentioned, just wait until the first strong tropo duct or enhancement. As an example, a line of thunderstorm activity in this area yesterday afternoon had Dayton, OH DTV signals (101 miles) booming into Indy like locals. The signal meter on the Zenith was as high as it will go. WDTN (RF 50) blew right through local WALV-CA-50 (analog) just 3 miles distant.

How will white space work when these conditions exist?? Or will these white space signals be weak enough, like a weak LP, that a stronger DTV signal will be able to overcome it?? (Steve Rich, Indianapolis, IN, 23 Sept, WTFDA via DXLD)

So, what do they consider "white space"? For regular viewing (not DX) we view stations from Kansas City -- 65 to 70 miles away. They are in the Kansas City DMA -- we live in the Topeka DMA. Are those frequencies considered "white space" where we live?? Yes, this ruling has the potential to destroy TV DXing in most cities. Some remote

areas might be relatively free from this intrusion into television frequencies.? This is bad news (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, *ibid.*)

Oh well. I guess that will be the end to TV DX. When that happens will change the Club's name to World FM DX Association WFMDXA. But then white spaces on the FM will all of a sudden be prime also. I guess that's it for TV and FM DX. No more GTG and conventions (-John L., Muskego, WI, *ibid.*)

White space? on FM? Where? (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell PA, *ibid.*)

We've already got white spaces on FM. It's called IBOC, and it's a real killer. If you want to know what the effect of white spaces will be on TV, just look at the effect of iboc here in the northeast. There's not much DXin' goin' on anymore (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, *ibid.*)

I've enjoyed the past few years of TV DX; it appears that window is closing very quickly. FM is dicey with the IBOC and bird-fed EMF, AFA translators (the big issue in this area killing "open channels") on every corner. Are 440 MHz and 144 MHz Amateur Radio frequencies the next target of the "white space" mavens? I hope not (Fritze H Prentice Jr. KC5KBV, Star City, AR, *ibid.*)

As a commenter somewhere else put it, the devil will be in the details. I don't think it's yet been announced how they'll determine a space is "white".

Do not be too horribly certain whatever service they authorize will actually become popular, or even get built. Remember AM-IBOC, which would indeed have made AM DXing impossible if it had been deployed at every station; but which for reasons having nothing to do with the FCC is dying a rapid death. It never did rise to the point of making dxing pointless, and it's becoming less and less relevant to our hobby all the time (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, *ibid.*)

It's worth noting, too, that the same factors that make UHF TV spectrum so attractive to "white space" proponents also make FM radio and VHF TV spectrum undesirable. You're not going to be walking around with a three-meter antenna on your iPhone, are you? Because that's what a 100 MHz operating frequency would require.

I'm with Doug on this - no matter how badly the political side of the FCC wants to disavow the laws of physics, there are some real-world engineering considerations that may well make "white space" operation undesirable in the end.

It's very likely that the rules, once they're massaged by the

lobbyists on all sides, will yield up little or no available "white space" in the largest media markets in the country. Look at Los Angeles for a good example: nearly every UHF TV channel is already in use. There's literally no space for white-space devices to operate there --- or in NYC, or Chicago, or a lot of other big cities. And if you're Verizon or Google or T-Mobile or whoever, do you want to introduce a service that can't be marketed in New York, LA or Chicago?

It may be that the era of TV DX is drawing to a close...but we've been told it was dead how many times already? s (Scott Fybush, *ibid.*)

True, DXing is horrible here in the Milwaukee area. Many frequencies are no longer DX'ble anymore! I try from time to time to hear something real distant --- nothing. I miss hearing South Dakota on FM. (John L., Muskego, WI, *ibid.*)

I note also that they mentioned that the devices will NOT be required to have signal sensing technology if they have access to a "database". So, if it can't sense that a 1,000,000 watt DTV is blasting in from 175 miles away and decides to transmit on that channel anyway (since the database says the channel is empty) --- how useful will it be to the end user? A lot of frustration will ensue. I also wonder how up-to-date the Canadian & Mexican info will be in this database.

Also, who decides that you shouldn't be enjoying that 80 mile away HDTV station that has a nice consistent signal? Some summer student updating the database?

The whitespace devices will work just fine in Utah, Nevada & Alaska - where no one lives. If they want whitespace, what about 980-1215 MHz? What a deadzone. TACAN's and DME's spaced 1 MHz apart. Wrh (Bill Hepburn, Grimsby Ont., *ibid.*)

On a brighter note --- MDTV. If Mobile ATSC TV takes off - making ID's on DTV signals easier with a lower signal threshold, DXing should be improved. If most stations end up adopting MDTV technology, I could even see regular TV's incorporating combo DTV/MDTV tuners that switch to the lower-def MDTV signal during DTV signal dropouts rather than breaking up and going blank.

This is a good news item (I think). Just need to wait for the MDTV tuners to hit the market. Wrh (William R Hepburn (VEM30NT22), *ibid.*)

DXing may die, or more likely DXing as we know it may die, meaning it will change. But, the fact is, DXing always has changed over the years. Long gone are the days you'd hear a 500-watters at night on AM from the other side of the continent. Long gone are Monday morning silent periods. Even before IBOC the FM band was getting seriously

crowded with translators and all manner of non-local network broadcasters. Now we have the shift to a digital, online world.

I can't say how it will all unfold. But however it does unfold, I can only hope I'll carry on. Hopefully I'll continue DXing, and my DXing will bring me pleasure. But there really is more to life, and if my DXing days are ebbing fast there's plenty in the wings to keep me happy and busy. Travel with my girlfriend (spouse, really, after 13 years we're solid) to actually visit the places I've DXed. Hiking and biking - I'm spending a lot more time outdoors these days and loving it. My journalism work is starting to veer in new directions. Photography - which I am enjoying more than ever thanks in part to a digital world.

As crowded as the bands are getting, there's still DX to be had. Mike B - you're just off one of what must stand as one of the top tropo openings you have ever had - if I recall correctly all the way inland to TN. I had my best-ever Tr opening last year to OK/KS/AR, after 33 years DXing FM. I had Mexico for the first time on FM and TV this summer. Last year I had three new FM states via Es - NM, MD and MA. And there's some gems to be had on AM.

Last fall in Newfoundland a couple of us had Trans-Pacific stations (actually over the pole) after sunrise from Japan, both Koreas, China, Taiwan, etc... almost every morning of the week we were there. That was a first in 18 years in a row of various fall DXpeditions there. And don't forget the latins Americans many of you are finally pulling in on TV skip!

And, as far as FM and TV go here, I'm not even using the best equipment. Nothing close to it. A very decent car radio built into a box, with an indoor dipole (or one I place on a deck outside). Together with a mix of cheap portables. Mini TVs and plain old B&W sets, also with indoor dipoles and rabbit ears. AM, aside from very good antenna systems in Nfld., in Ontario I'm sticking wire into the back of my AOR and running a half-assed BOG through the woods. Hard to keep it truly straight because of obstructions in the woods and a small cliff. So I could probably do a heckuva lot better.

If you live in a downtown area or near a major transmitter farm, as I do when I'm in Toronto, perhaps you can find a way to get to the outskirts when the real-time tropo maps look good. The hills just 10 miles outside the Toronto city limit have yielded some fantastic 700-1000+ mile tropo. We're far from done yet (Saul Chernos, Ont., *ibid.*)

Thanks! That's the other half of what I would have posted if I weren't leaving for work(grin)(seriously). Absolutely. DXing has seen challenge after challenge. Heck, today there are what, 5X as many AM

stations as there were at the end of WW2? Did the NRC dry up in 1947? As Saul says, DXing as we know it may well die. DXing itself -- it's way too early to count it out (Doug Smith, TN, *ibid.*)

Steve, There may be a new kind of TV DX soon:  
<http://www.televisionbroadcast.com/article/106292>  
(Curtis Sadowski, IL, *ibid.*)

Cool; now they're thinking! Still doesn't sound like a replacement for conventional AM mode, but at least it gives a reason to have supplemental DRM frequencies carrying video. The original low-def low-fps US TV stations used to broadcast in the 2 MHz band. wrh (Bill Hepburn, Ont., *ibid.*)

I just scanned the MO&O. There'll be something about it in the October VUD. I'm not enormously worried about it.

While it really doesn't specifically say, they will almost certainly be using the FCC CDBS database (same thing my site is based on) for the technical info. There's going to be a lot of wireless-microphone data in there too. (I presume that's why they can't just use the CDBS itself) (It seems to me this MO&O spends more time discussing wireless mikes than it does discussing TV.)

FWIW, the power limits as I read them are 6 watts ERP for fixed stations, 150 mW for portable stations, 75 mW for stations that don't use the database and rely on sensing of signals to avoid interference (the MO&O quotes EIRP, which is figured differently from the ERP used for broadcasters) (I hope I didn't get the correction figure backwards; could be the figures are actually 2.5 watts, about 70 mW, and about 35 mW.) Antenna height above ground is limited to 30m, and average terrain at the base of any tower/supporting structure is limited to 76 m (for a maximum HAAT of 350'  $\approx$  106 m).

Devices must check the database when first turned on; when moved a significant distances (they must contain a GPS); and daily. If they are not able to contact the database during a given day, they must cease operation at midnight.

Devices that use sensing only (that don't contact the database) must check a channel for 30 seconds before using it. They must continue to check all used channels for signals every 60 seconds. And they must cease using a channel within 2 seconds of a signal appearing.

Fixed devices may use channel 2, channels 5-36, and channels 38-51. Portable devices may not use any channel below 21 (and probably wouldn't *\*want\** to use any channel below 14...).



I suspect more will come out about this over the next few weeks (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, 24 Sept, WTFDA via DXLD)

#### Philips SAA7130 PCI TV Card

I installed this card on Sunday after finishing up with the VUD/eVUD and have been playing with it yesterday and today. I don't think I'm going back to a television for analog TV DXing again. This PCI card has

no video mute - no blue screen  
no audio mute at all

I can set the card to ch 31, turn on the D100 and watch CBF-2 and CBO-4 fade in/out and show video on peaks. This works really well. The RG6 from the Winegard antenna goes into a 20db Radio Shack preamp (cost me 50 cents at a yard sale) and then into the D100.

Doing video and screen captures is really easy. dScaler, on the other hand, was a pain to get working and it took two trips to Jurgen's website to figure out how to set it. I finally got it working.

I have two options. I can either use the TV card, record the video and then load it into dScaler and watch it with the adaptive noise filter cleaning up the video on playback, OR I can DX by watching the dScaler's own display with the adaptive noise filter cleaning up the video as I'm watching it. And I can record that video using dScaler. Either way, I get the same results. This is a million times better than what I was doing.

I haven't tried Jurgen's mod (the software plug-in for the TV card and the variable cap) because I think the D100 takes care of that part. Hugh or somebody can correct me if I'm wrong about that.

Anyway, I have a 13" b/w Zenith click tuning TV and a semi-functional Win TV-D (good for screen captures from your DTV box) card to get rid of, just make me an offer (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, Sept 27, WTFDA via DXLD)

No, it's separate, the sync software may or may not work with your card as was intended for a SAA 7134, slightly different possibly to the 7130. To try just download the sync software. Run the TV card as normal and then run the sync software. "Untick" H sync and V sync in the little box. Does the picture then float/run sideways?. If it does, then it works with your card; if no difference, then it doesn't. If it does, then you could consider doing the "sync mod" to get the internal sync in line with the incoming sync (Hugh Hoover, Portugal, ibid.)

BEST GAME EVER-BROADCAST FOUND IN BING CROSBY'S WINE CELLAR

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/24/sports/baseball/24crosby.html>

He went to Paris, and listened to the game on shortwave (via Leonard J. Rooney, Springfield, Delaware County PA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) WTFK?

AMERICAN STUDY ON RISKS WITH DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDINGS

WASHINGTON ñ New digital recordings of events in U.S. history and early radio shows are at risk of being lost much faster than older ones on tape and many are already gone, according to a study on sound released Wednesday.

By BRETT ZONGKER, Associated Press Writer Brett Zongker, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON ñ New digital recordings of events in U.S. history and early radio shows are at risk of being lost much faster than older ones on tape and many are already gone, according to a study on sound released Wednesday.

Even recent history ó such as recordings from 9/11 or the 2008 election ó is at risk because digital sound files can be corrupted and widely used CD-R discs last only last three to five years before files start to fade, said study co-author Sam Brylawski.

"I think we're assuming that if it's on the Web it's going to be there forever," he said. "That's one of the biggest challenges." . . .

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100929/ap\\_en\\_ot/us\\_endangered\\_digital\\_recordings](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100929/ap_en_ot/us_endangered_digital_recordings)  
(via Drita «iÁo, DXLD, and via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

OLD RADIO SETS ARE STILL THE CAT'S WHISKERS AS SOME ARE HIGHLY COLLECTABLE --- Daily Mail By Toby Walne 25 September 2010

Radio fans who fear that their old sets are heading for the scrapheap because of the enforced switch to digital broadcasting may find they actually have a great investment.

Broadcasting chiefs want to switch off FM transmission by 2015, forcing listeners to tune in on digital sets instead. The previous government agreed to this timetable, despite furious opposition from loyal FM listeners.

About three-quarters of listeners still use analogue as opposed to modern DAB sets. But the changeover could push up the value of older

sets, some of which are already highly collectable. Some early Bakelite vintage sets can fetch thousands of pounds. . .  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/article-1315196/Old-radio-sets-cat-s-whiskers-highly-collectable.html>  
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

## PROPAGATION +++++

WHY DOES MEDIUM WAVE RADIO CUT OUT WHEN GOING THROUGH A TUNNEL ...

When listening to a radio station that broadcasts on medium wave(AM), why does the signal cut out when going through a tunnel, while FM stations remain perfectly audible? Interesting discussion here  
<http://www.thenakedscientists.com/forum/index.php?topic=34178.0>  
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

## BDXC OCTOBER PROPAGATION REPORT

Hi Glenn, Here is the BDXC October propagation report which can also be found in my blog : <http://bdxcpropagation.blogspot.com>

### Propagation Summary

Conditions have remained fairly steady during September. October should begin quiet apart from a slight disturbance on the 5th and the 12th. The Boulder A index is peaking at around 10 every 7 days, and the K index is varying between 2 and 3 during these peaks. Sunspot numbers have remained around the 80 mark during August and September. October should remain the same. According to the trend charts at Solar Cycle 24.com, the Solar flux is forecast to reach 100 by the end of 2010, but after a drop in mid 2010, numbers have continued to remain at around 80 and if this trend continues, it will not reach the predicted peak of 140 by 2014.

### Solar Storms can Change Directions, Surprising Forecasters

Solar storms don't always travel in a straight line. But once they start heading in our direction, they can accelerate rapidly, gathering steam for a harder hit on Earth's magnetic field.

So say researchers who have been using data from NASA's twin STEREO spacecraft to unravel the 3D structure of solar storms.

Their findings are presented in Nature Communications. Magazine "This really surprised us," says co-author Peter Gallagher of Trinity College in Dublin. "Solar coronal mass ejections (CMEs) can start out going one way-and then turn in a different direction." The result was

so strange, at first they thought they'd done something wrong. After double- and triple-checking their work on dozens of eruptions, however, the team knew they were onto something.

The sun's global magnetic field, which is shaped like a bar magnet, guides the wayward CMEs back toward the sun's equator. When the clouds reach low latitudes, they get caught up in the solar wind and head out toward the planets-"like a cork bobbing along a river," says Gallagher. (NASA Science News 21 September 2010)

### Solar Probe to Plunge Directly into Sun's Atmosphere

NASA's plan to visit the sun took a leap forward today with the selection of five key science investigations for the Solar Probe spacecraft. Slated to launch no later than 2018, the smart car-sized spacecraft will plunge directly into the atmosphere of the sun, aiming to solve some of the biggest mysteries of solar physics. This means that researchers can begin building sensors for 'in situ' measurements of the solar system's innermost frontier.

Lika Guhathakurta, NASA Solar Probe Programme scientist said: "For the first time, we'll be able to 'touch, taste and smell' the sun." Last year, NASA invited top researchers around the world to submit proposals detailing possible science investigations for the pioneering spacecraft. More details at: NASA Science News

### About Sunspot Cycles

Dark spots appear at places on the Sun where its magnetic field is concentrated. The number of sunspots is controlled by the amount of distortion of the Sun's magnetic field. The magnetic field becomes distorted because the Sun's equator and core rotate more quickly than its other parts.

As a result, sunspot activity varies over an average 11-year cycle. During this period, the Sun goes from a solar minimum (fewer spots) to a solar maximum (more spots) and back to a minimum again. The solar magnetic activity cycle is the main source of the ~10.7 year periodic solar variation, which drives variations in space weather and to some degree weather on the ground and possibly climate change. (BBC article via Ken Fletcher)

Thanks to Ken Fletcher and Mike Terry for regular updates. Best regards (James Welsh, Sept 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, James for also contributing your column to DXLD (gh)

50 MHz BEACONS BY TRANS-EQUATORIAL PROPAGATION

V44KAI + CE TEP --- Hello, Joel V44KAI informed last weekend that, after problems with power supply, V44KAI/B is on air at 6 meters. In a short time several PY stations returned to spot the beacon.

Other Caribbean/South/Central American 50 MHz beacons informed, not only by PY:

50008 - J88ARC/B - FK93  
50011 - HP1DCP/B - FJ09 (temp)  
50011 - 8R1D/B (old spot)  
50015 - 9Y4AT/B - FK90  
50025.6 - YV4AB/B - FK60  
50029 - CE3AA/B - FF46  
50039.5 - CE1B/B - FG46  
50050 - PU3SIX/B - GF49  
50050 - HP2ECP/B - FJ09  
50053 - V44KAI/B - FK87 \*\*\*  
50060 - HK6FRC/B - FJ37  
50077 - YV50K/B - FK60  
50081 - TI1NA/B - EJ89

Interesting the increase of CE spots by TEP/FAI considering the past. Do we have any TEP on FM broadcasting band from Chile? Tendremos alguna escucha de TEP en la banda de radiodifusi n FM desde Chile? USA is also frequently noted in Brazil around 26 - 28 MHz range, including FM broadcasting links from Texas (Flavio PY2ZX Archangelo, Brasil, Sept 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

V44KAI: Joel Liburd, Musgrave Street, Ponds Pasture, Basseterre, St Kitts and Nevis (QRZ.com via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at mostly quiet levels during 20 - 23 September. Activity increased to quiet to unsettled levels, with high latitude active levels, beginning early on 24 September and lasting to the end of the period. The increase in activity was associated with a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). Early on 23 September, density, temperature and velocity, as measured on the ACE spacecraft, all increased. These increases were associated with a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) in advance of a recurrent CH HSS. The interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) Bt intensity peaked at 13 nT at 23/1143 UTC, with periods of southward IMF Bz (maximum deflection of -8 nT at 24/0455 UTC) and increased velocities (from 285 km/s at 22/2150 UTC to 659 km/s at 25/0254 UTC). Activity decreased to predominantly quiet levels by midday on 25 September. Activity increased to quiet to unsettled levels on 26 September with isolated active periods observed at high latitudes.

## FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 29 SEPT - 25 OCT 2010

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels during the period. Low activity is expected during 29 September - 05 October with C-class flares likely from Region 1109. Activity is expected to decrease to very low levels during 05 - 25 October.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels on 27 September. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels on 28 - 29 September as a recurrent CH HSS affects the field. Activity is expected to decrease to mostly quiet levels on 30 September - 02 October. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels on 03 - 05 October as another recurrent CH HSS affects the field. Quiet levels are expected during 06 - 10 October. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled levels during 11 - 14 October due to recurrent solar sector boundary and CH HSS effects. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels during 15 - 20 October. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels on 21 - 22 October as another recurrent CH HSS begins to disturb the field. Mostly quiet levels are expected for the remainder of the forecast period.

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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2010 Sep 28

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2010 Sep 29 | 84         | 8         | 3        |
| 2010 Sep 30 | 84         | 5         | 2        |
| 2010 Oct 01 | 83         | 5         | 2        |
| 2010 Oct 02 | 83         | 5         | 2        |
| 2010 Oct 03 | 82         | 7         | 2        |
| 2010 Oct 04 | 82         | 7         | 2        |
| 2010 Oct 05 | 80         | 7         | 2        |
| 2010 Oct 06 | 78         | 5         | 2        |
| 2010 Oct 07 | 76         | 5         | 2        |

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| 2010 Oct 08 | 76 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 09 | 76 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 10 | 75 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 11 | 75 | 8 | 3 |
| 2010 Oct 12 | 75 | 8 | 3 |
| 2010 Oct 13 | 76 | 8 | 3 |
| 2010 Oct 14 | 76 | 8 | 3 |
| 2010 Oct 15 | 76 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 16 | 77 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 17 | 77 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 18 | 78 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 19 | 80 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 20 | 81 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 21 | 82 | 8 | 3 |
| 2010 Oct 22 | 82 | 8 | 3 |
| 2010 Oct 23 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 24 | 82 | 8 | 3 |
| 2010 Oct 25 | 82 | 8 | 3 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1532, DXLD) ###